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Kubo's hands of evil have finally reached Prime Minister Kasuga. Kasuga vomited up blood and collapsed. And near the same time, Suzumoto Souhachi left this world... "Unless I stop Kubo, Kapan is doomed." Cornered, Kasuga and Riyon made a decision. What is the tragic loop Riyon saw in the Darkness World!? What will Kubo's rampage lead to...!?

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Life63 Black Hole

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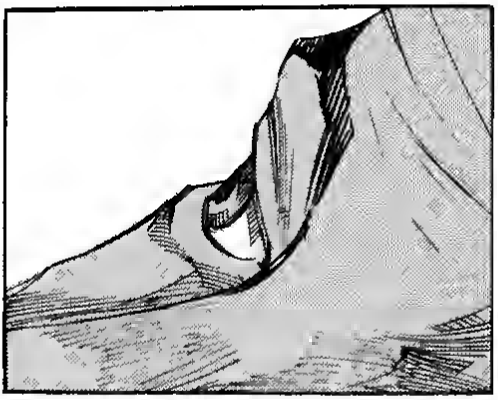

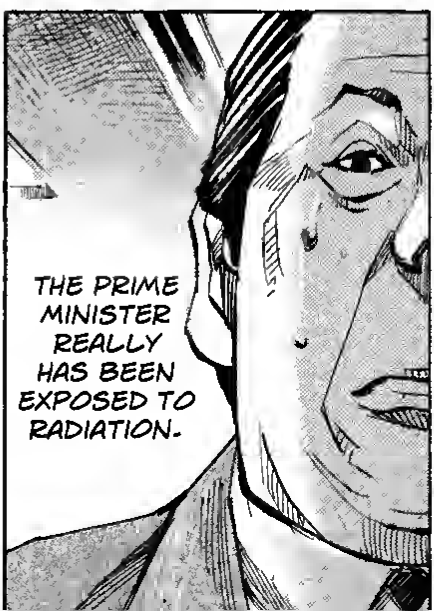
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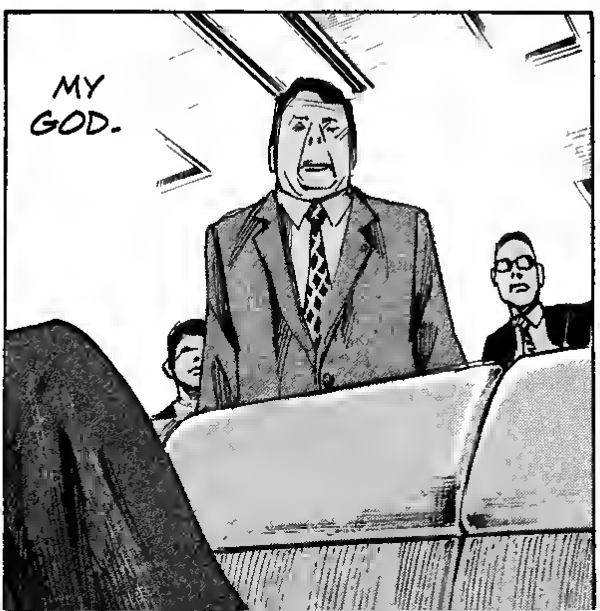
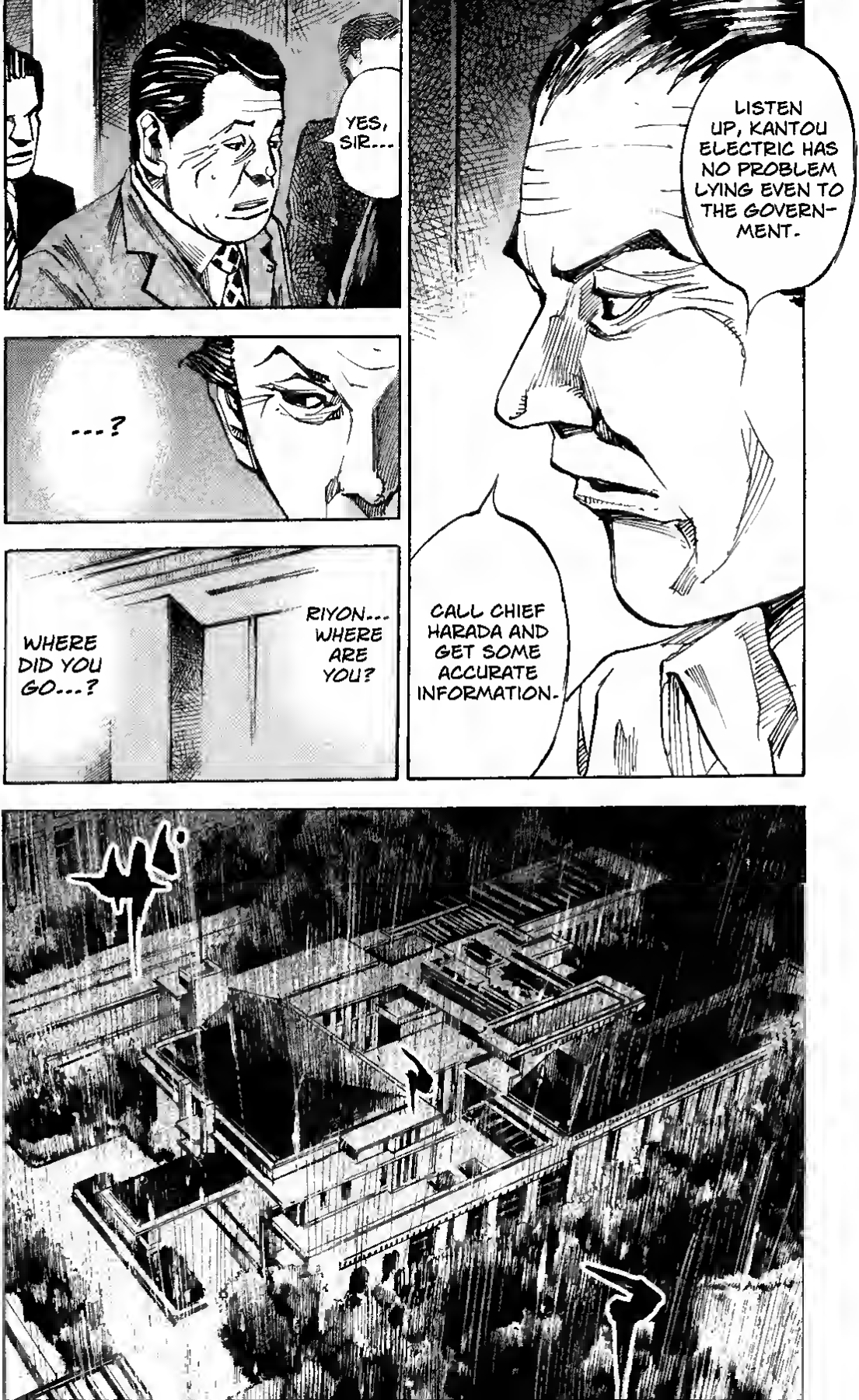
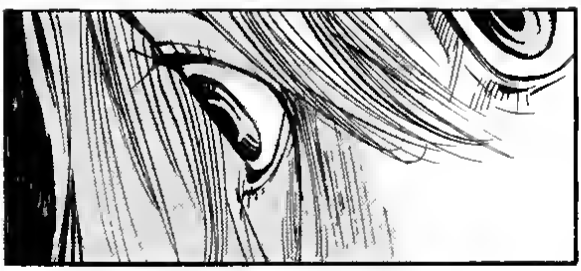
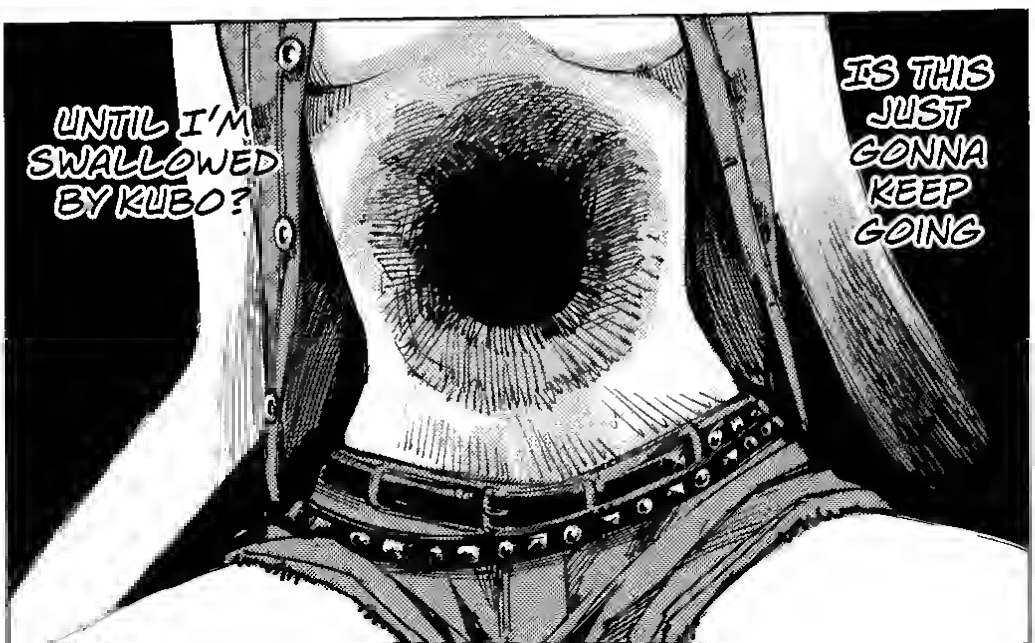

MY GOD.

I THINK WE SHOULD DO A THOROUGH EXAMINATION STRAIGHT AWAY.
BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE DAIICHI POWER PLANT?
YES.
WE NEED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE TV COMPANY.
WELL,
WE'RE STILL NOT ENTIRELY SURE.
THERE ARE SIGNS IT COULD BE A POISONOUS GAS EXPLOSION...
THERE WERE REPORTS THAT SOMETHING EXPLODED.
YOU IDIOTS!
IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS SINCE THE FIRST REPORT, AND ALL WE HAVE ARE VAGUE ANSWERS LIKE THAT!?

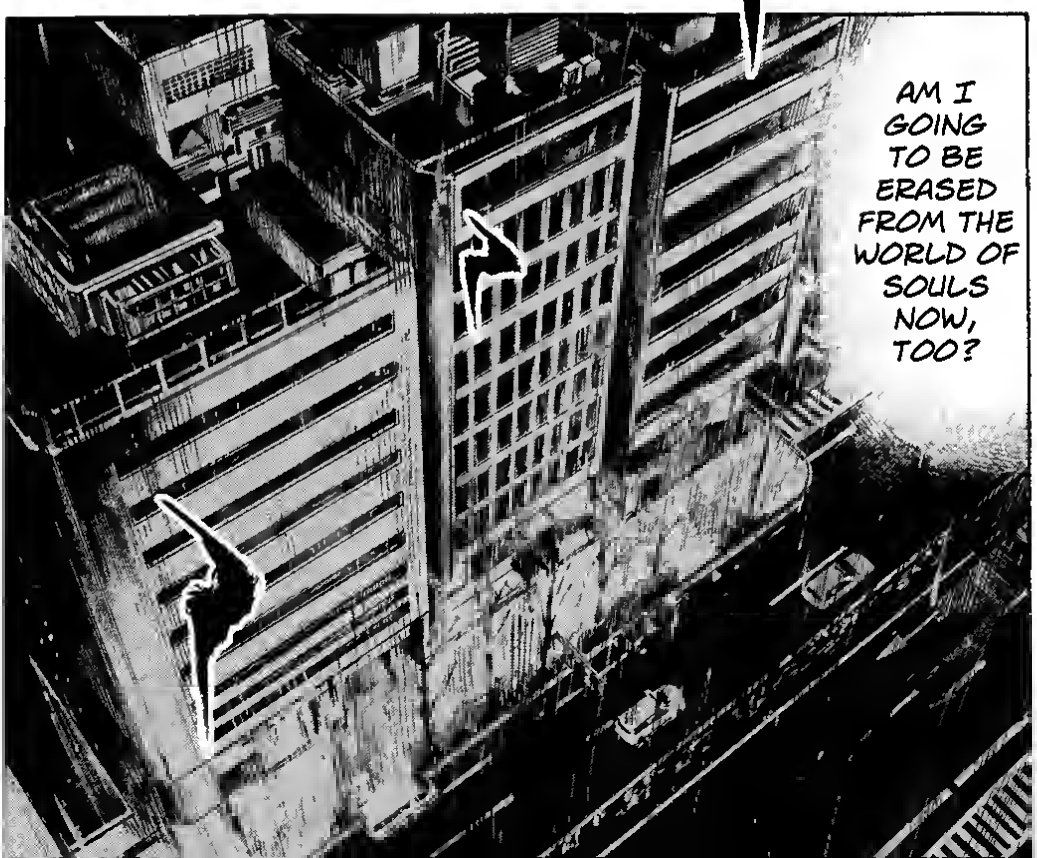

YES, SIR...
LISTEN UP, KANTOU ELECTRIC HAS NO PROBLEM LYING EVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT.
...?
CALL CHIEF HARADA AND GET SOME ACCURATE INFORMATION.
WHERE DID YOU GO...?
RIYON... WHERE ARE YOU?

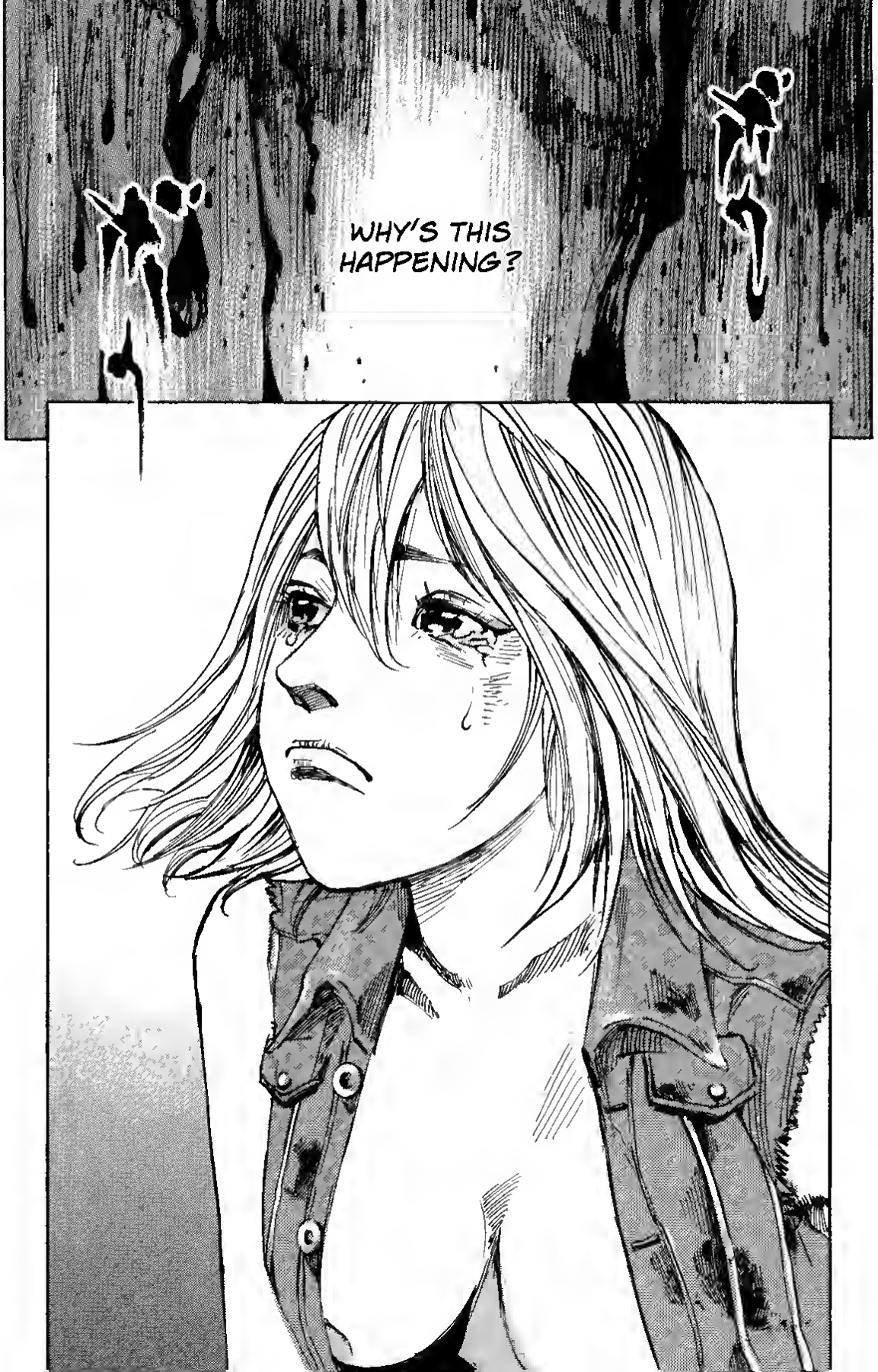


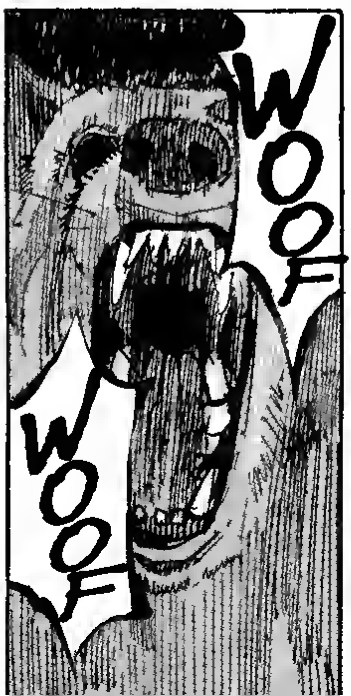
MY LEFT ARM'S
DISAP-
PEARING.


IS THIS JUST GONNA KEEP GOING
UNTIL I'M SWALLOWED BY KUBO?

I WAS FORCED TO LEAVE EARTH AT AGE 18,


AM I GOING TO BE ERASED FROM THE WORLD OF SOULS NOW, TOO?


WHY'S THIS HAPPENING?


WOOF
WOOF

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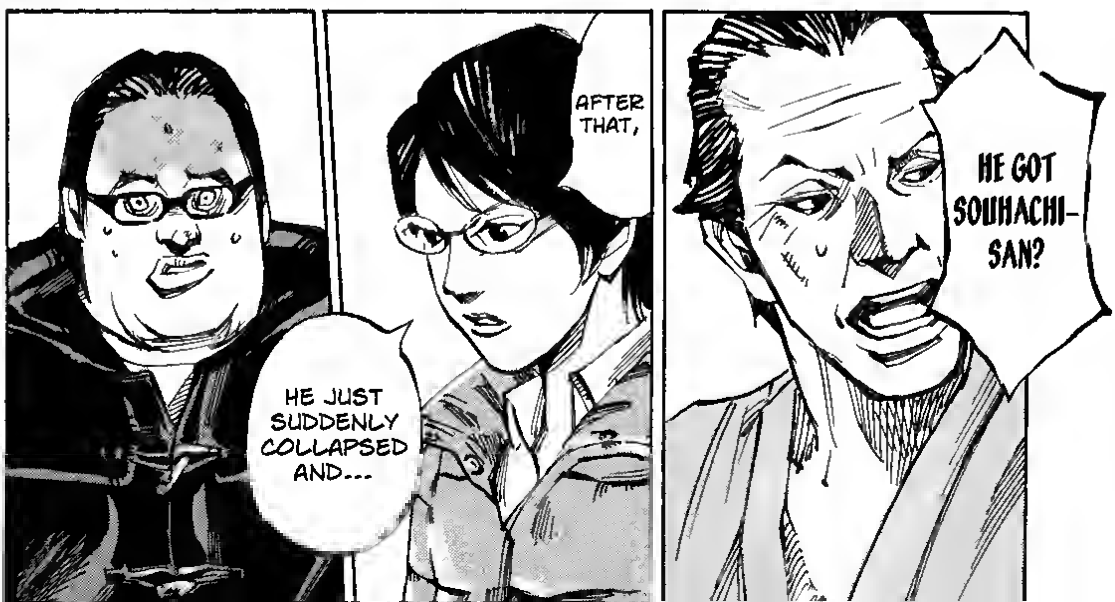
BUT... I'LL HAVE TO INTRUDE ON YOUR TOWN FOR A WHILE.
SORRY FOR THREAT-ENING YOU.
GUUH

Sign: Nuclear Power is the Energy of a Bright Future

SHIT.

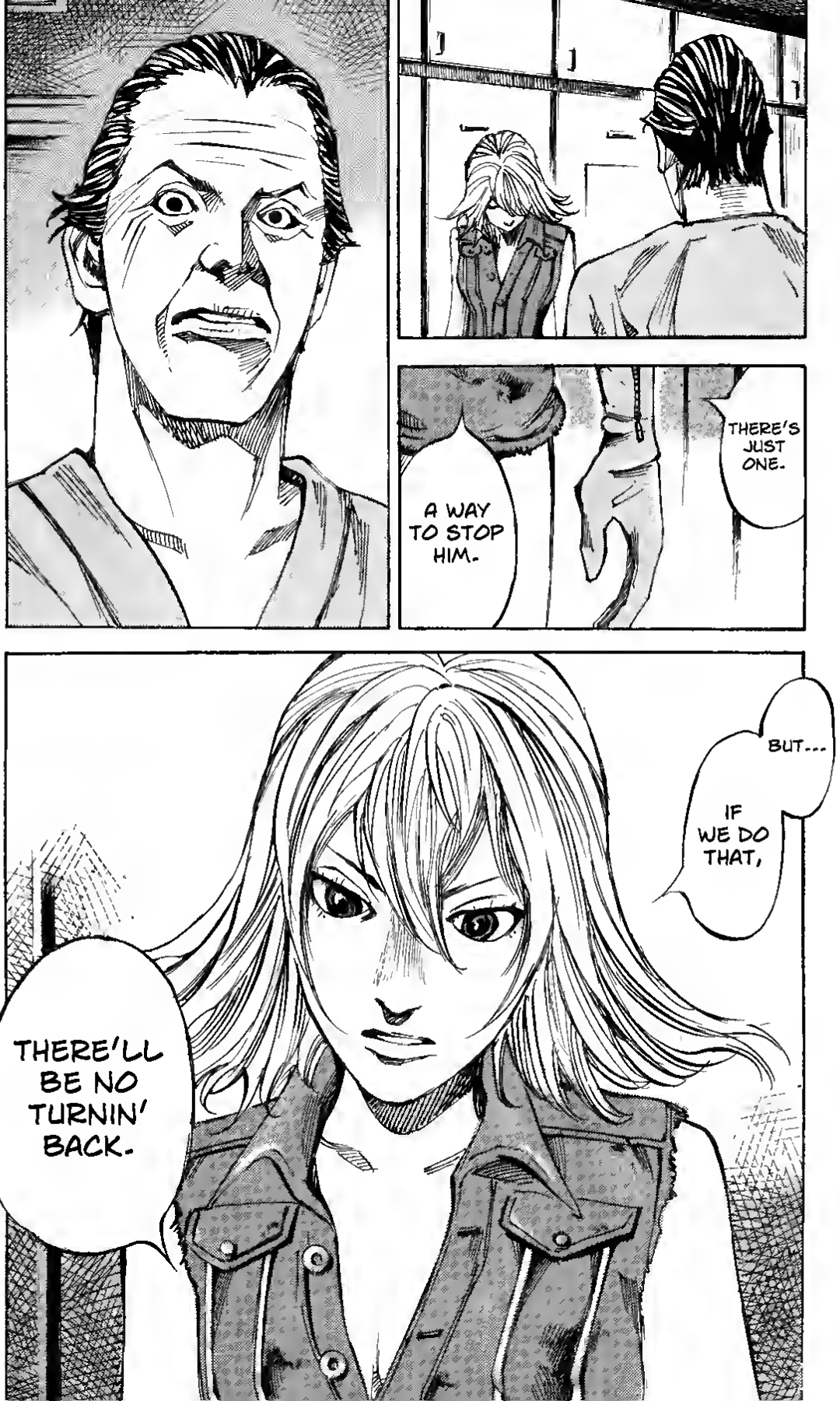

AFTER THAT,
HE JUST SUDDENLY COLLAPSED AND...
HE GOT SOUHACHI-SAN?

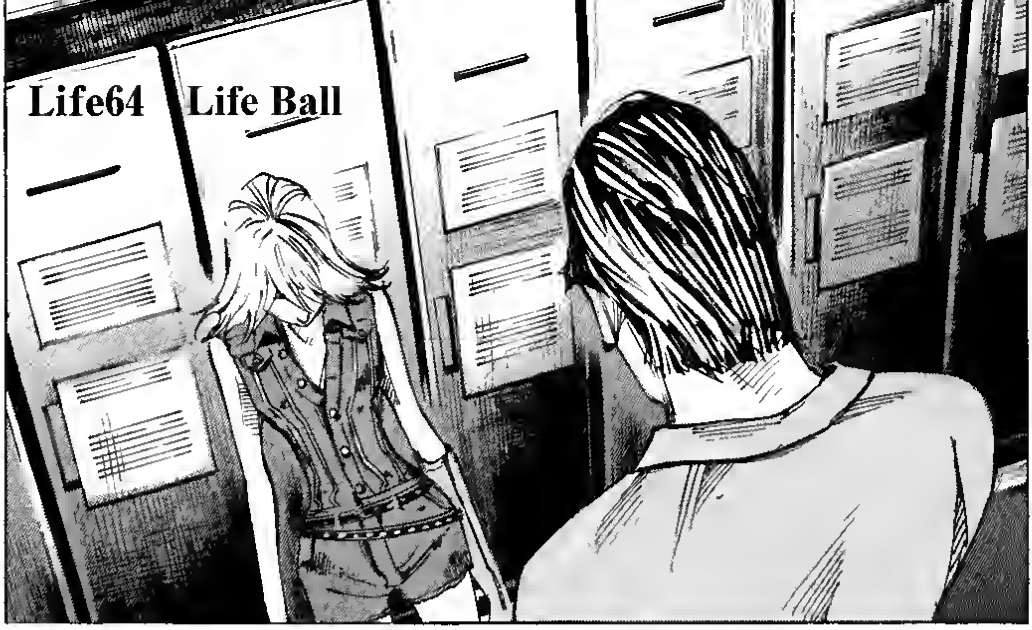
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
AFTER ALL I TOLD HIM ABOUT NOT CREATING GAPS IN HIS HEART!
YOU UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?
THIS IS
THAT ONE'S EVIL.
YOU TWO
ARE SURE TO BE TARGETS AS WELL.
PRIME MIN-ISTER,
IF THIS IS ALL THE WORK OF ONE PERSON,

THEN DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT UNLESS WE STOP KUBO, JAPAN IS DONE FOR?

THAT'S RIGHT.
UNLESS WE STOP HIM, IT'S ALL OVER.

BAM
UNDER-STOOD.
WE'LL RETURN TO WORK.
WHERE DID YOU GO?
SOUHACHI-SAN WAS KILLED!
GO LOOK!
SEARCH FOR A WAY TO STOP KUBO!


A WAY TO STOP HIM.
THERE'S JUST ONE.
BUT...
IF WE DO THAT,
THERE'LL BE NO TURNIN' BACK.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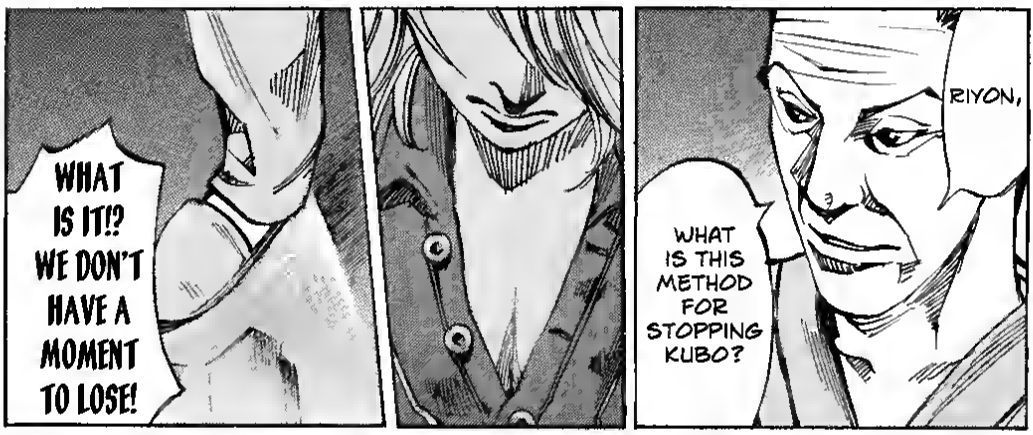
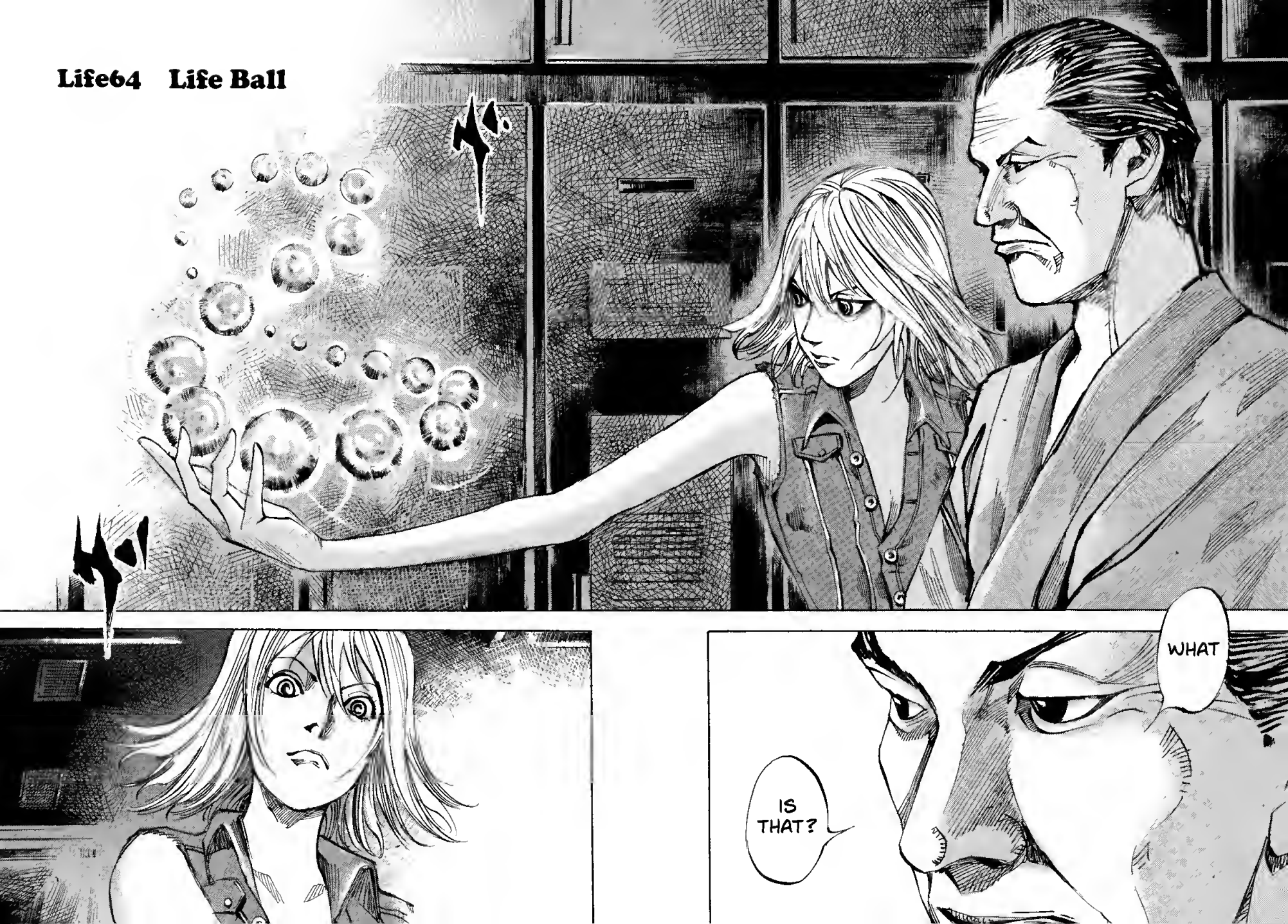

WHAT IS IT!? WE DON'T HAVE A MOMENT TO LOSE!
RIYON,
WHAT IS THIS METHOD FOR STOPPING KUBO?

I'LL TELL YOU.
OKAY, OLD MAN.

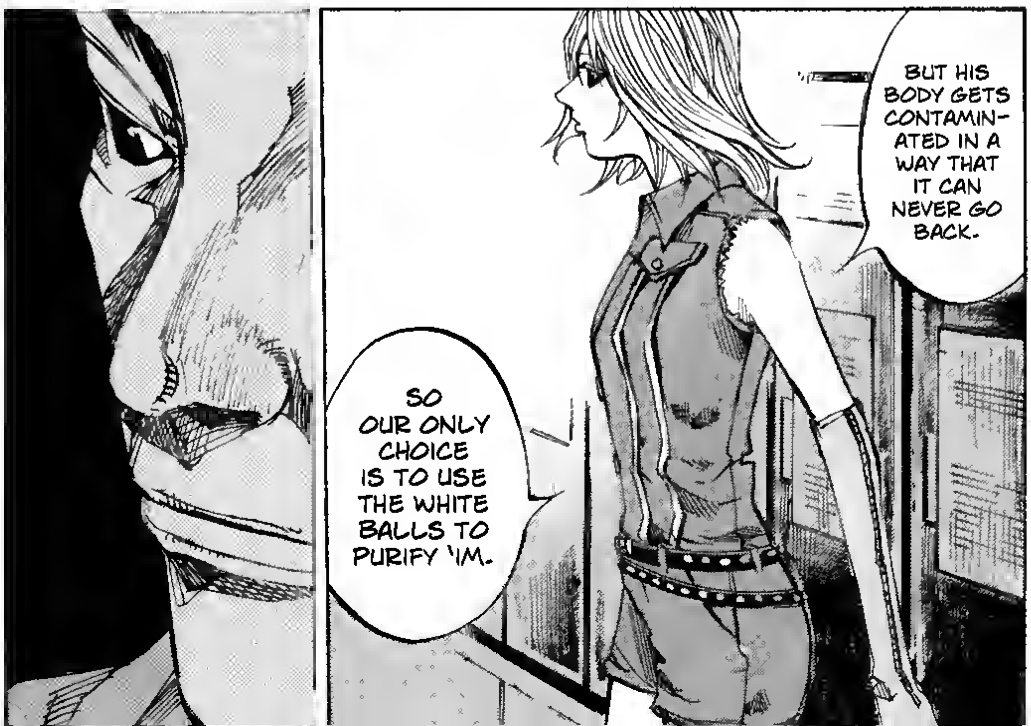
Life64 Life Ball



THIS IS YOUR LIFE FORCE, OLD MAN.
ONE DAY'S WORTH OF LIFE BALLS.

THIS IS
MY
LIFE...
HM...
YUU
YUU
I DUNNO.
BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHIN' BETTER.
IF I USE THIS LIFE, I CAN STOP KUBO?

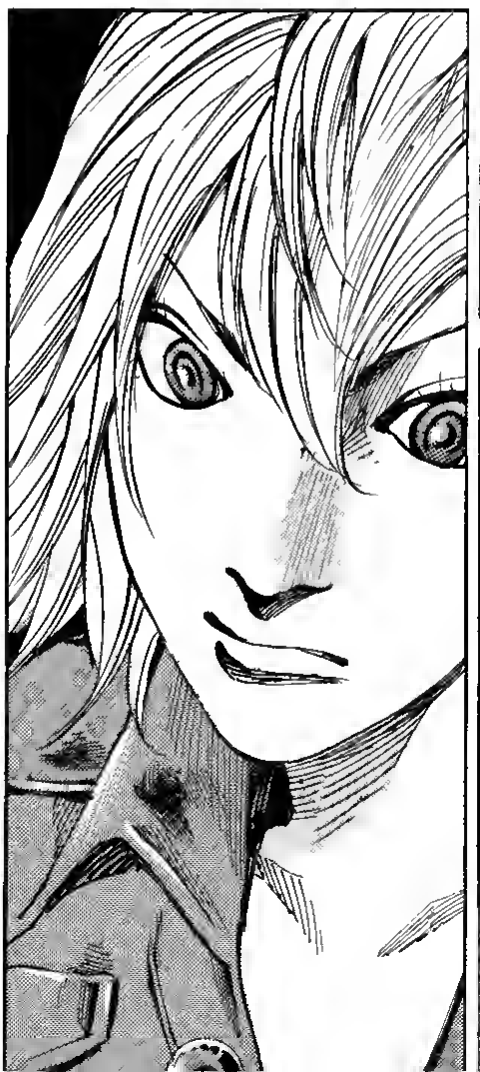
KUBO'S BODY'S BECOME A PASSAGE FOR BLACK BALLS FROM THE DARKNESS WORLD TO GUSH OUT OF.
HE CAN MANIPULATE ALL THE EVIL HE WANTS FROM THERE.

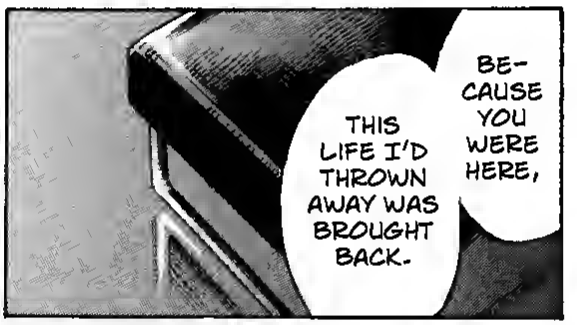

BUT HIS BODY GETS CONTAMIN-ATED IN A WAY THAT IT CAN NEVER GO BACK.
SO OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO USE THE WHITE BALLS TO PURIFY 'IM.

OF COURSE, THIS SHRINKS MY LIFE SPAN, DOESN'T IT?
BUT MY BODY IS WEARING OUT.
DO I REALLY HAVE 470'S DAYS WORTH OF LIFE SPAN?
YOU DON'T HAFTA WORRY ABOUT THAT.
I SEE.
OLD MAN,
I GUESS SINCE I'VE TOLDJA THIS, YOU'RE GONNA USE YOUR LIFE SPAN, RIGHT?

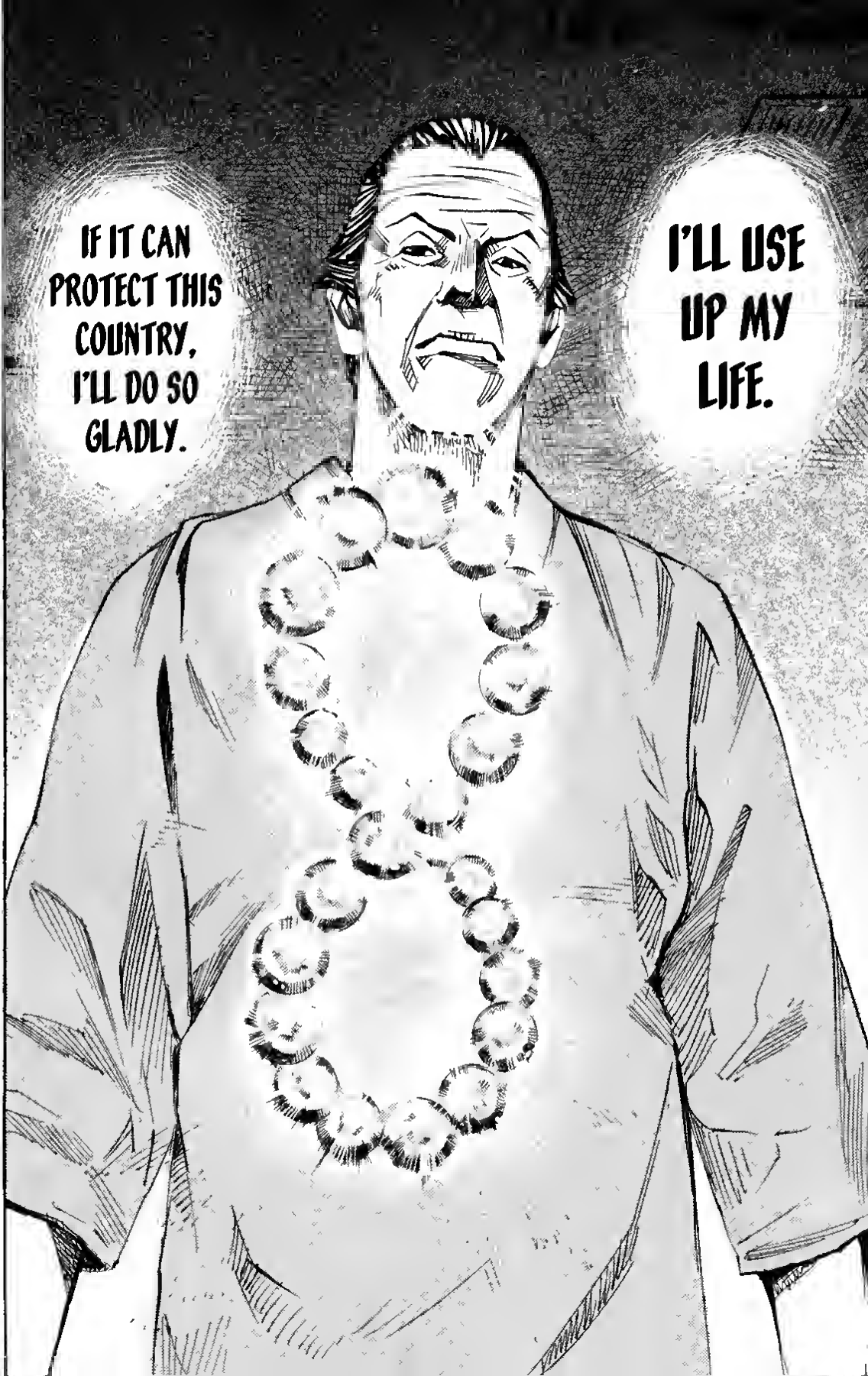
BUT KUBO'S DARKNESS IS DAMN DEEP.
IT MIGHT NOT BE ENOUGH EVEN IF YA USE ALL YA GOT LEFT.
I'M A FAILURE, AIN'T I?
I'M SUPPOSED TA BE YER GUARDIAN SPIRIT, OLD MAN, AND I COULDN'T PROTECT YA.
ALL I DID WAS SEND YA TO YER DEATH FASTER.

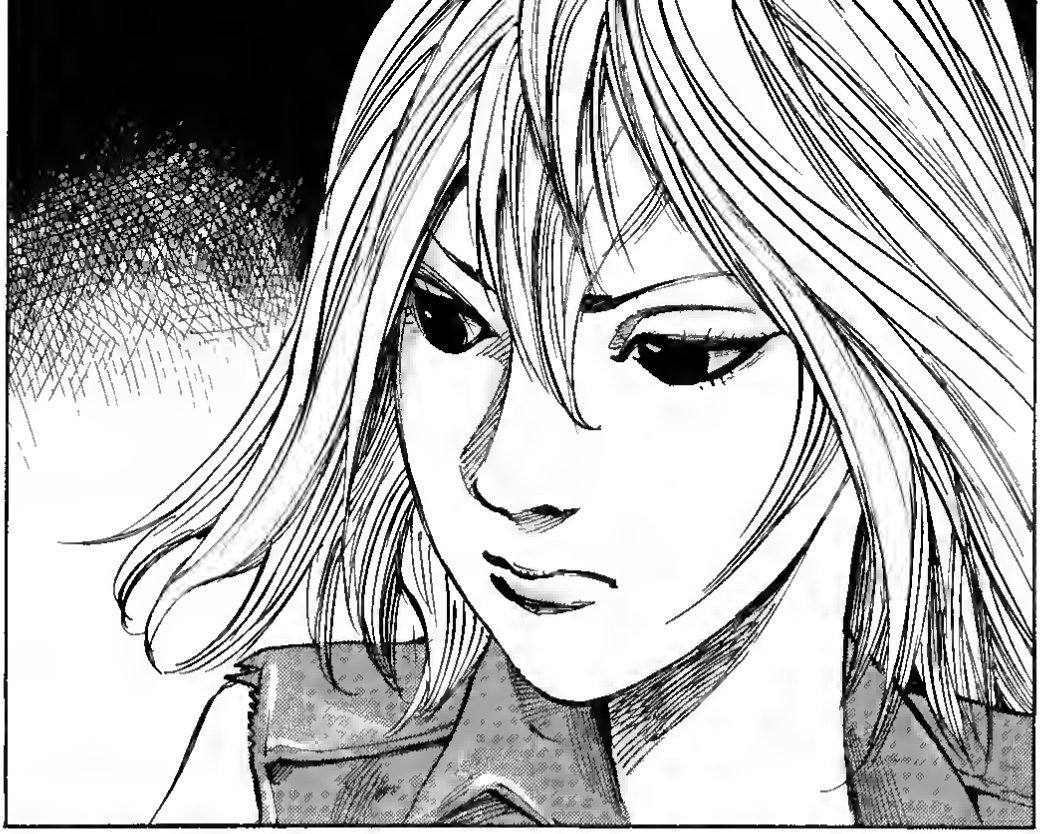
YOU ARE AN ABSO-LUTELY VITAL PERSON TO ME.
RIYON, STOP SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT.




BE-CAUSE YOU WERE HERE,
THIS LIFE I'D THROWN AWAY WAS BROUGHT BACK.

SO DON'T WAVER.
I JUST NEED YOU TO STICK WITH ME.


IF IT CAN PROTECT THIS COUNTRY, I'LL DO SO GLADLY.
I'LL USE UP MY LIFE.



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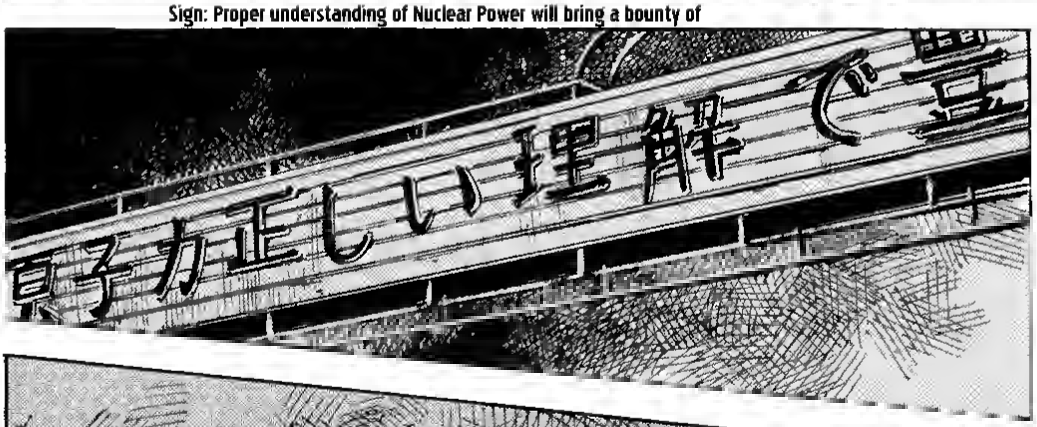
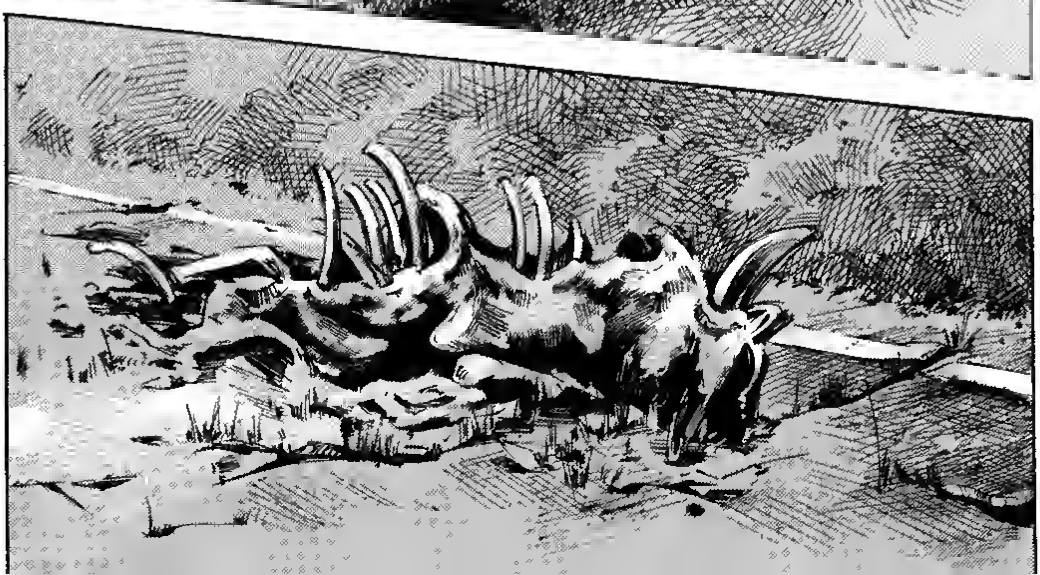
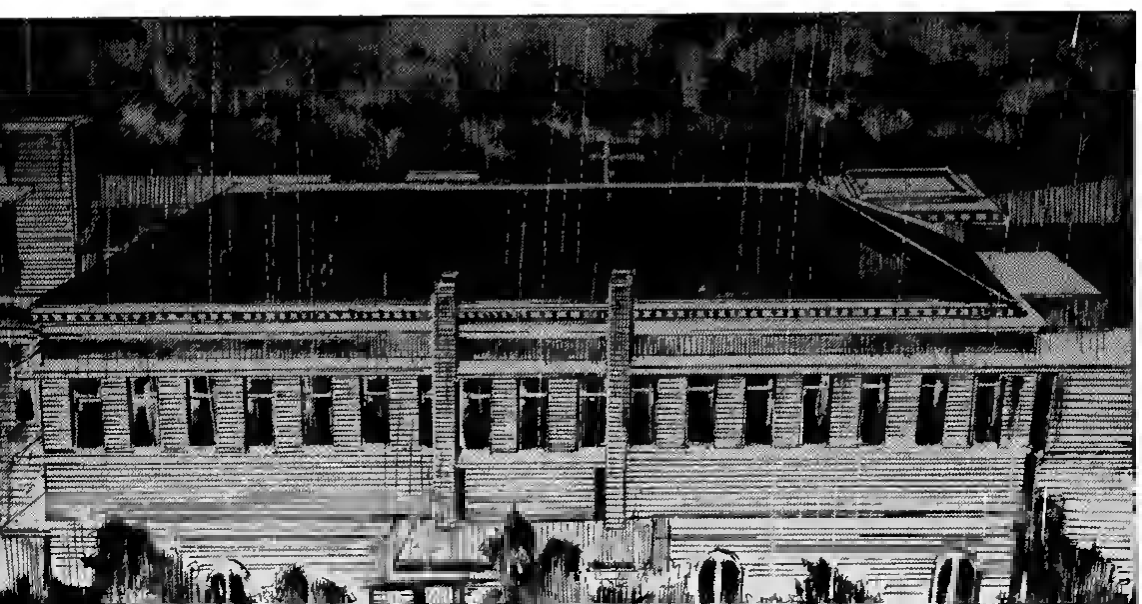
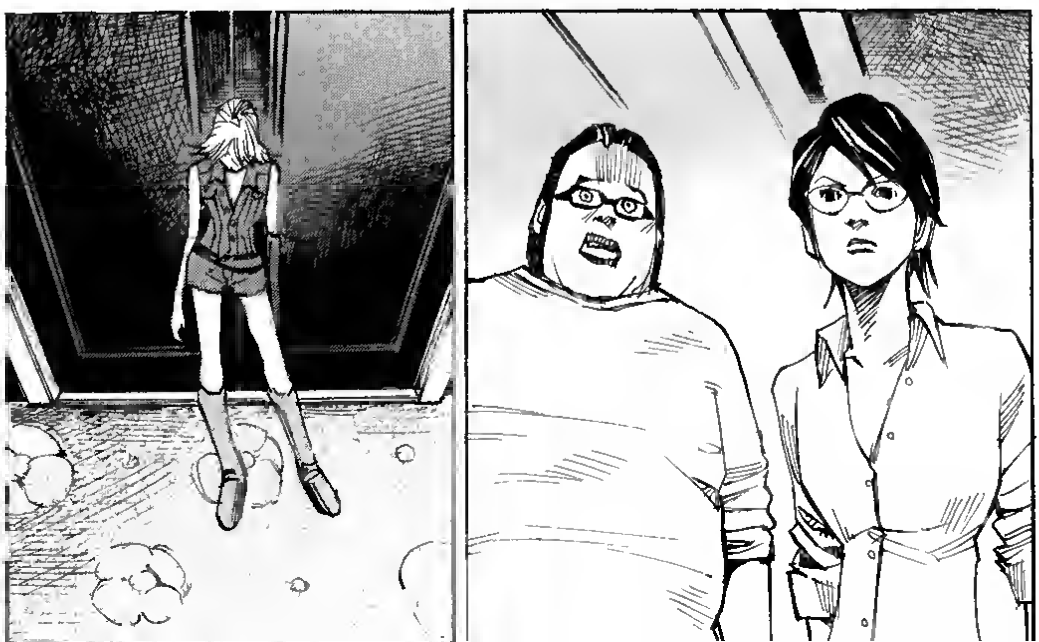
Sign: Proper understanding of Nuclear Power will bring a bounty of

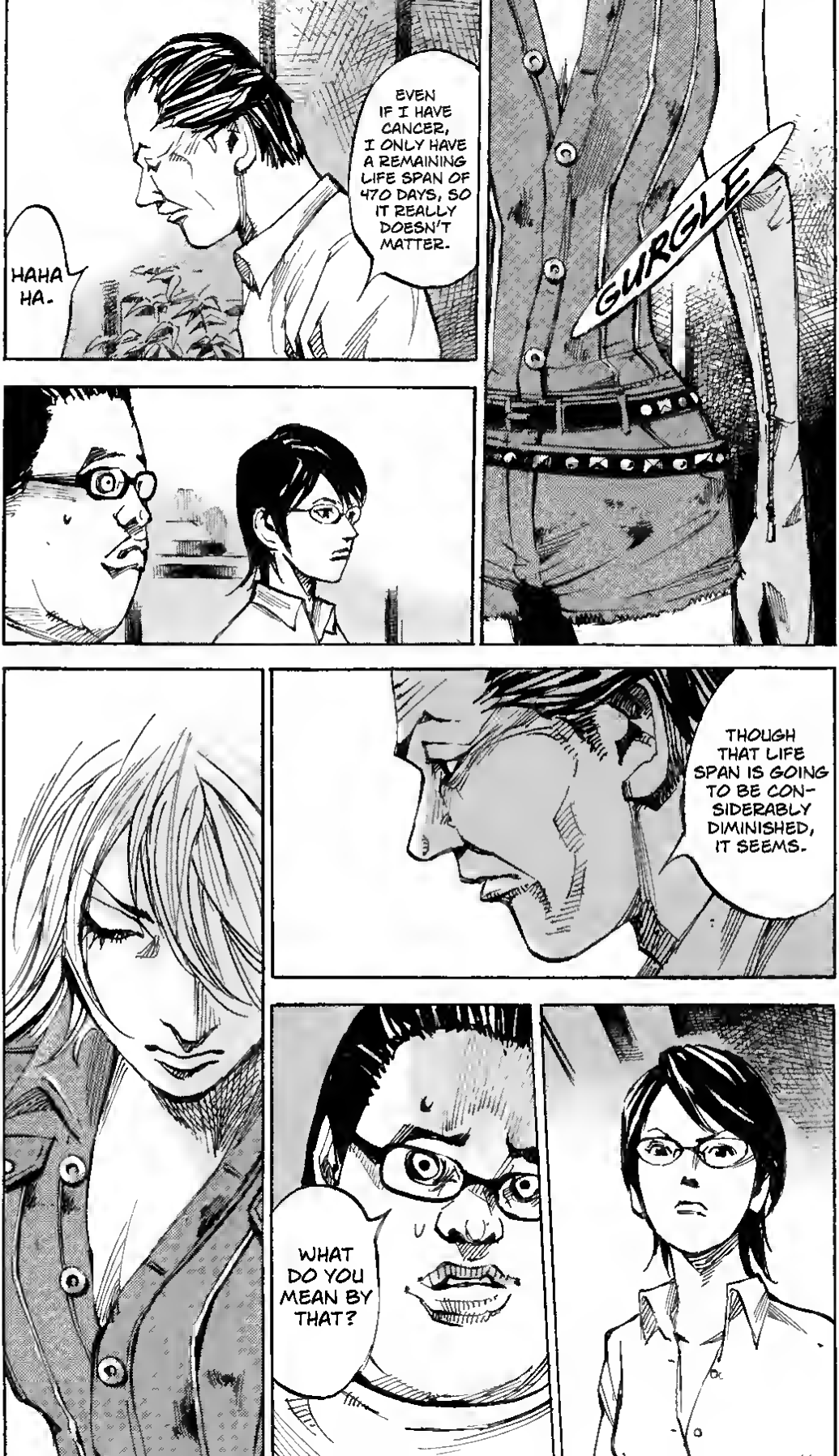






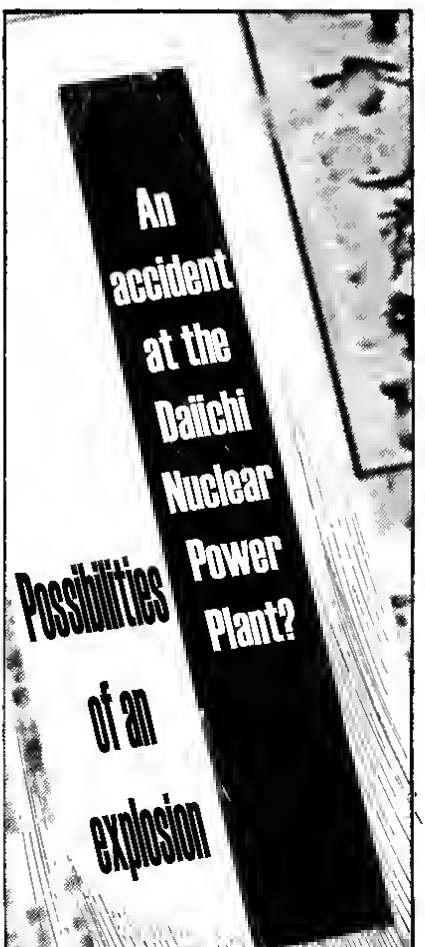
ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF MY EXAMIN-ATION...
THERE'S SOME FEAR OF STOMACH CANCER.

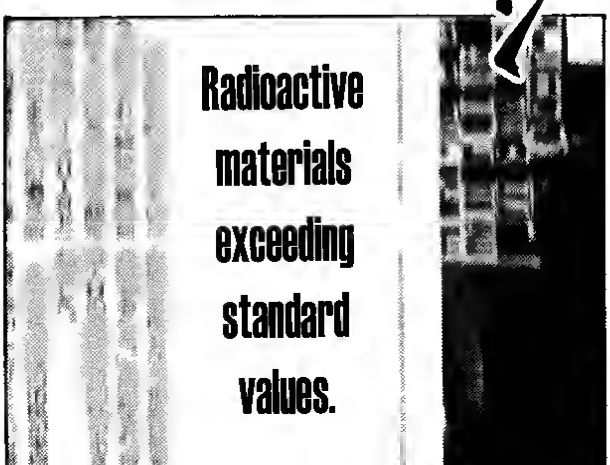



HAHA HA.
EVEN IF I HAVE CANCER, I ONLY HAVE A REMAINING LIFE SPAN OF 470 DAYS, SO IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER.
GURGLE
THOUGH THAT LIFE SPAN IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERABLY DIMINISHED, IT SEEMS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

IN ORDER TO GIVE KUBO A COLD SHUTDOWN FROM HIS RAMPAGE,
MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO EXCHANGE MY OWN LIFE.
I'VE GOTCHA, OLD MAN.
I WON'T HESITATE ANY MORE, EITHER.

Life65 To Cold Shutdown


An accident at the Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant?
Possibilities of an explosion


Radioactive materials exceeding standard values.

Sign: Will nuclear power end or will mankind end?

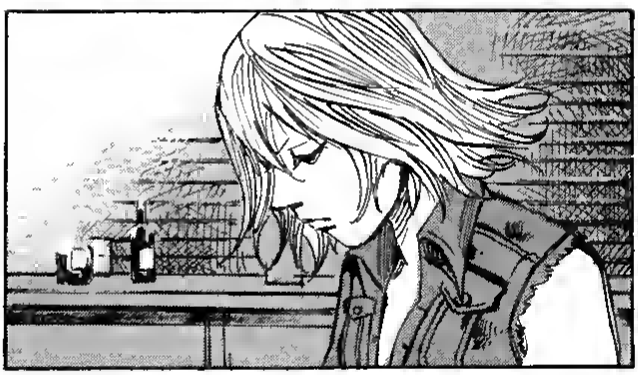
NUK

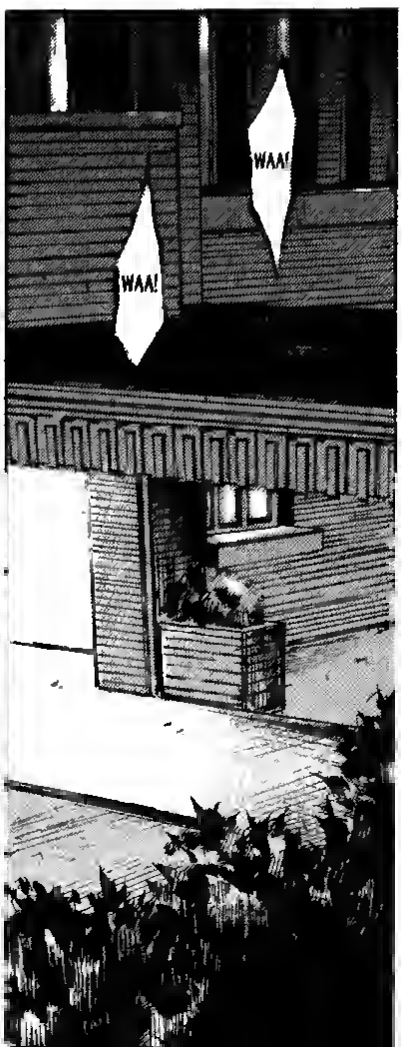
BLINK
GUH
GUH
NO WARS

DIET MEMBER IZUMI...

I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU. COULD I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
MY NAME IS MAMINE. I WORK FOR PRIME MINISTER KASUGA.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER KASUGA.
EXCUSE ME.
PLEASE, WAIT!
THIS IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
RE-GARDING JAPAN
AND YOUR FATHER.

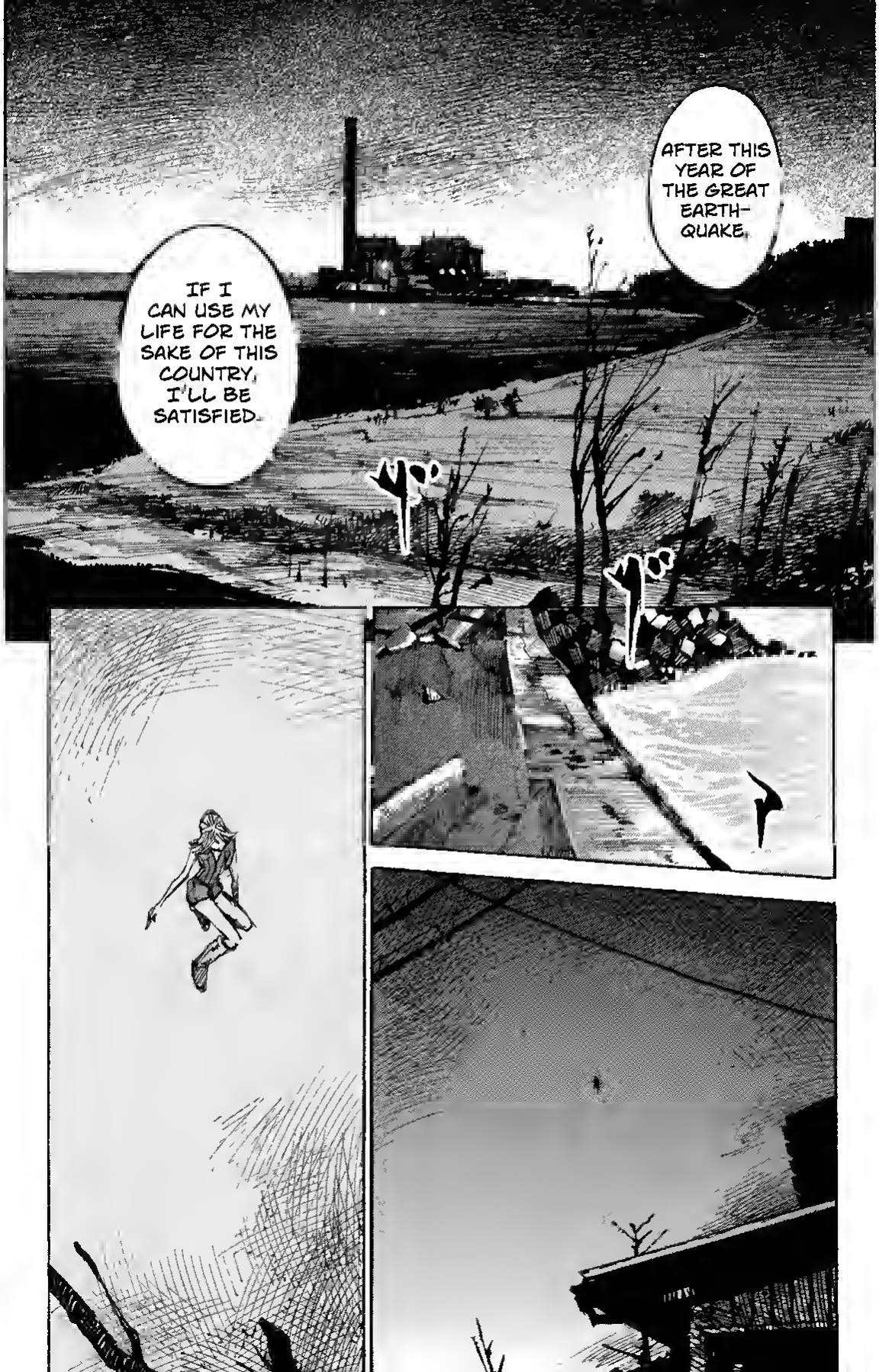
KASU-
GAAA!
WE'RE
COUNT-
ING ON
YOOOU!
PRIME
MINIS-
TEEER!




WAA!
WAA!

469 OF THEM...
THAT IS ALL OF YOUR LIFE SPAN, OLD MAN.
WE SHOULD REALLY DOUBLE CHECK THESE.
I'M NOT SURE IF THERE'S TOO FEW OR TOO MANY.
BUT THEY ARE PRETTY.
PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE REALLY GLISTENING THINGS.
OLD MAN,
AFTER KUBO LEAVES THE POWER PLANT, HE'S GONNA COME HERE TO ATTACK US WITH EVIL.

AND THEN... WE'LL GO SHOOT THIS LIFE AT 'IM.
RIGHT.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, RIYON.
BUT OLD MAN,
THIS MEANS YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT GONNA SEE 2012.


AFTER THIS YEAR OF THE GREAT EARTH-QUAKE,
IF I CAN USE MY LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY, I'LL BE SATISFIED.

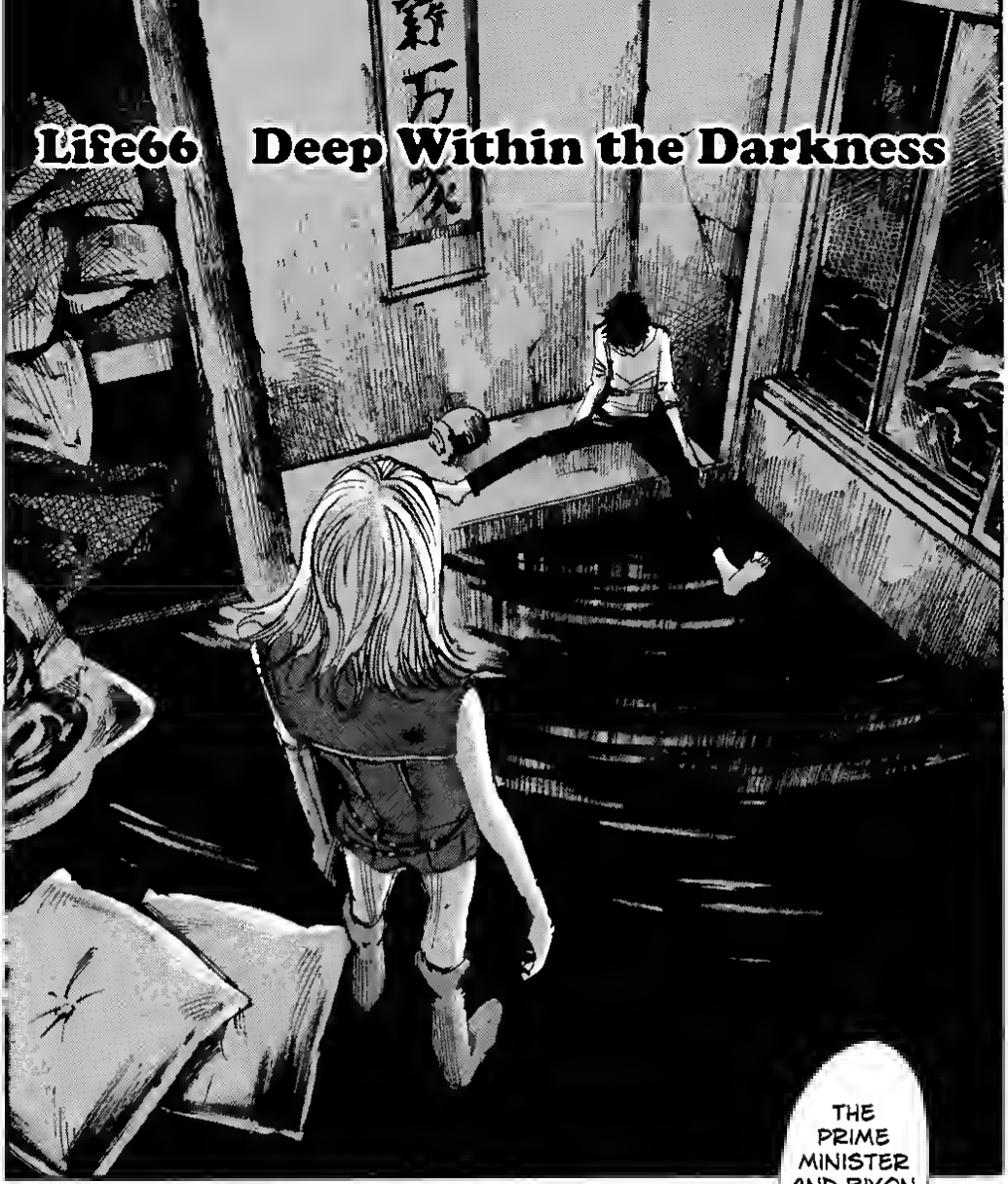
THIS'S WHERE THE EVIL IS COMING FROM.
THAT WAS FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.

SFX: KOKOKOKO...

HEEH-
I'D LIKE TO HEAR THAT-
KUBO... I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER-
"YOU ARE A PRECIOUS CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY AS WELL"...
"SO I'LL BE SURE I SAVE YOU, TOO-"
I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR IT-
HE'S RECO-GNIZED ME AS A CITIZEN-
BUT RIYON,
WERE YOU ABLE TO TELL THE PRIME MINISTER?

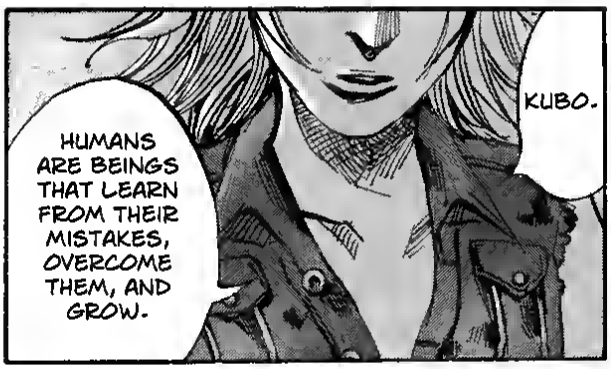
Sign: Shinra Banshou - All of Creation

Life66 Deep Within the Darkness



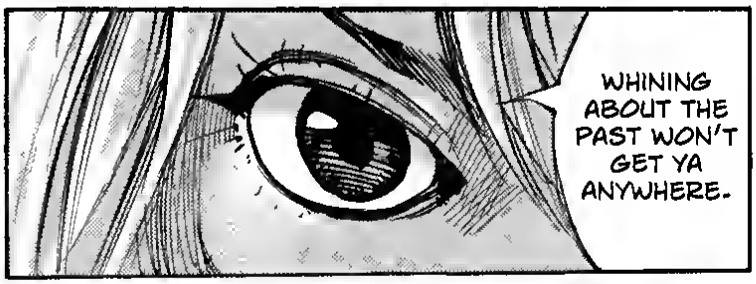
BUT YOU WERE NAIVE.
MAKING ILLEGAL MOVES ALWAYS CARRIES A RISK.
KASUGA WOULD BECOME A HERO AND YOU WOULD RETURN TO THE SPIRIT WORLD.
THAT WAS THE IDEAL...
JUST LIKE HOW HUMANS HAVE FAILED TO CONTROL NUCLEAR POWER,
THAT
YOU TWO HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH PSYCHIC POWERS
AND WILL BE DE-STROYED.
IS ME.

IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
USING FORBIDDEN MOVES WILL NOT BRING HAPPINESS.

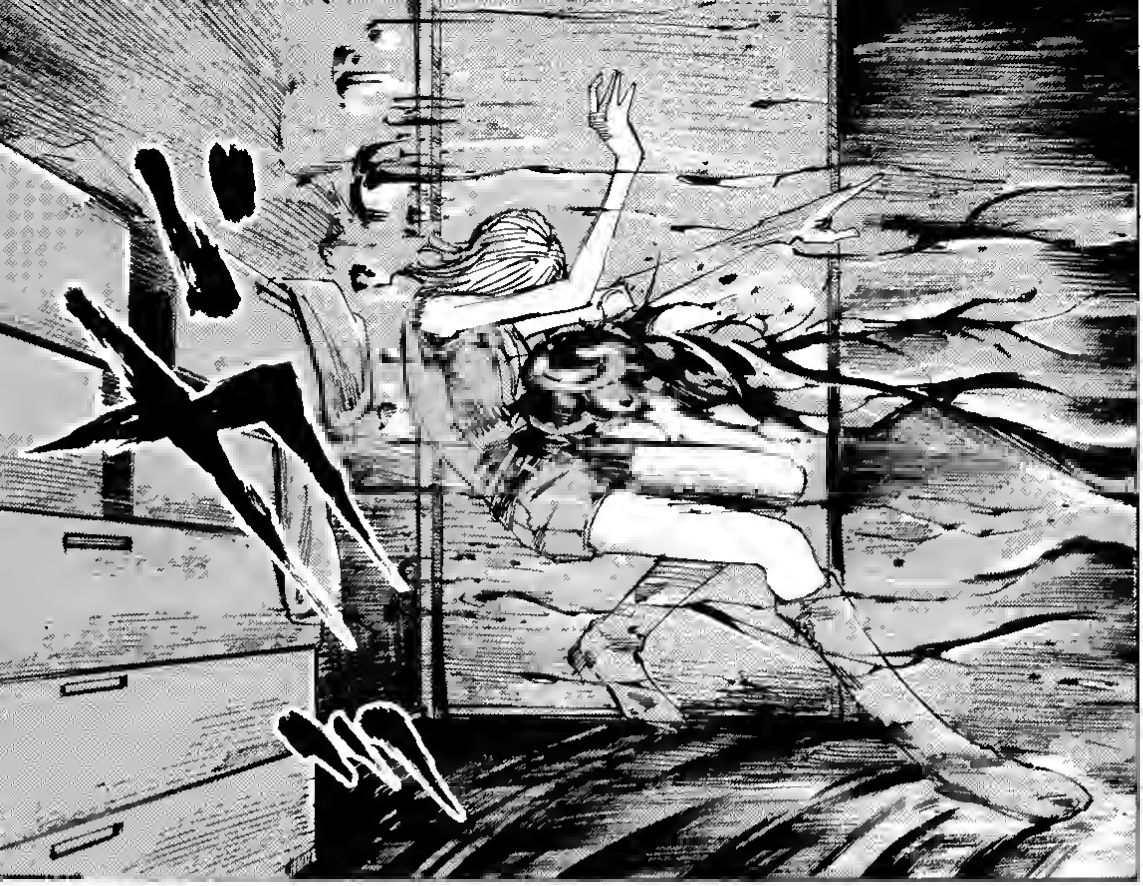

HUMANS ARE BEINGS THAT LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES, OVERCOME THEM, AND GROW.
KUBO.

HUHOH

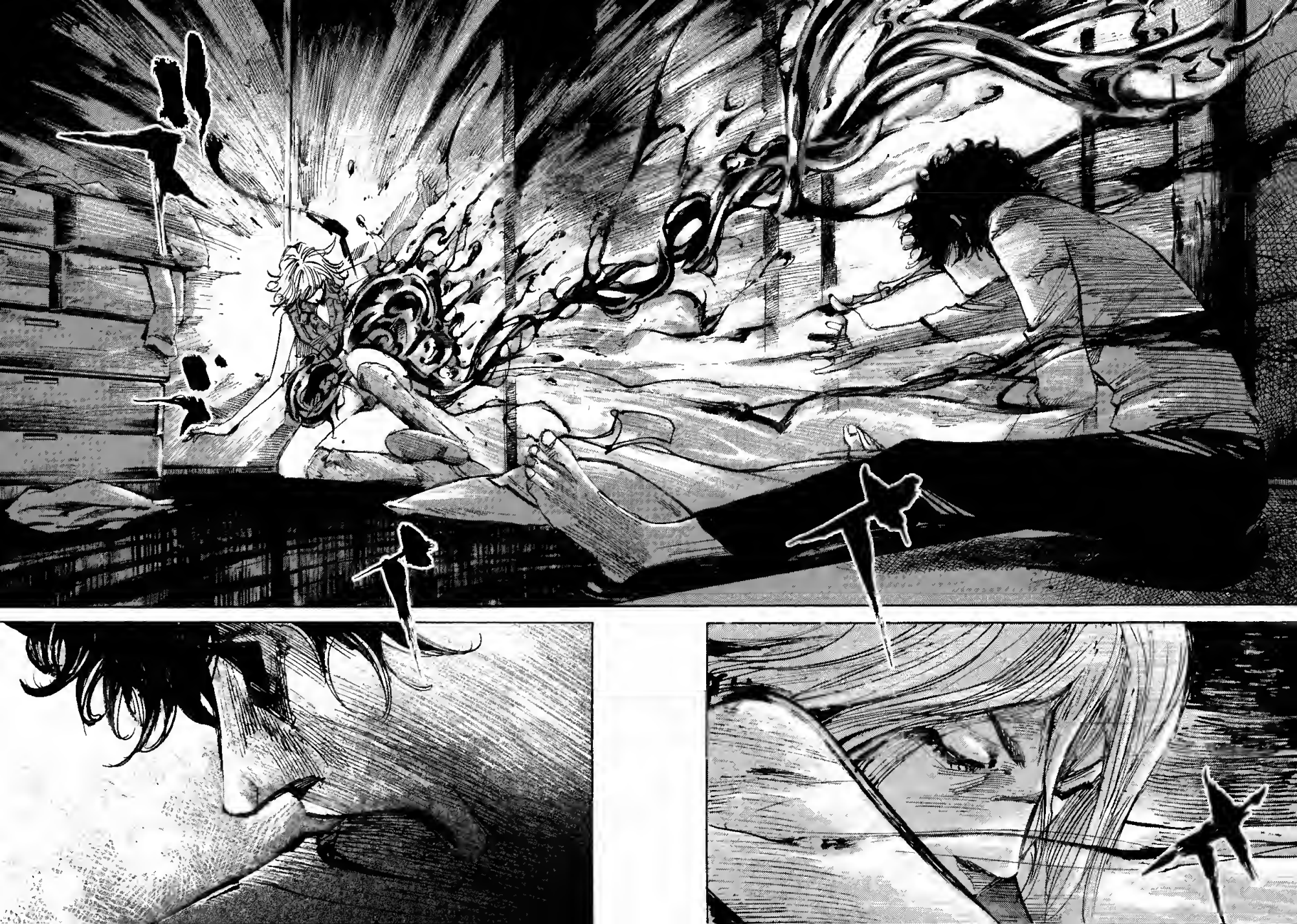
AH,
RIGHT.


WHINING ABOUT THE PAST WON'T GET YA ANYWHERE.

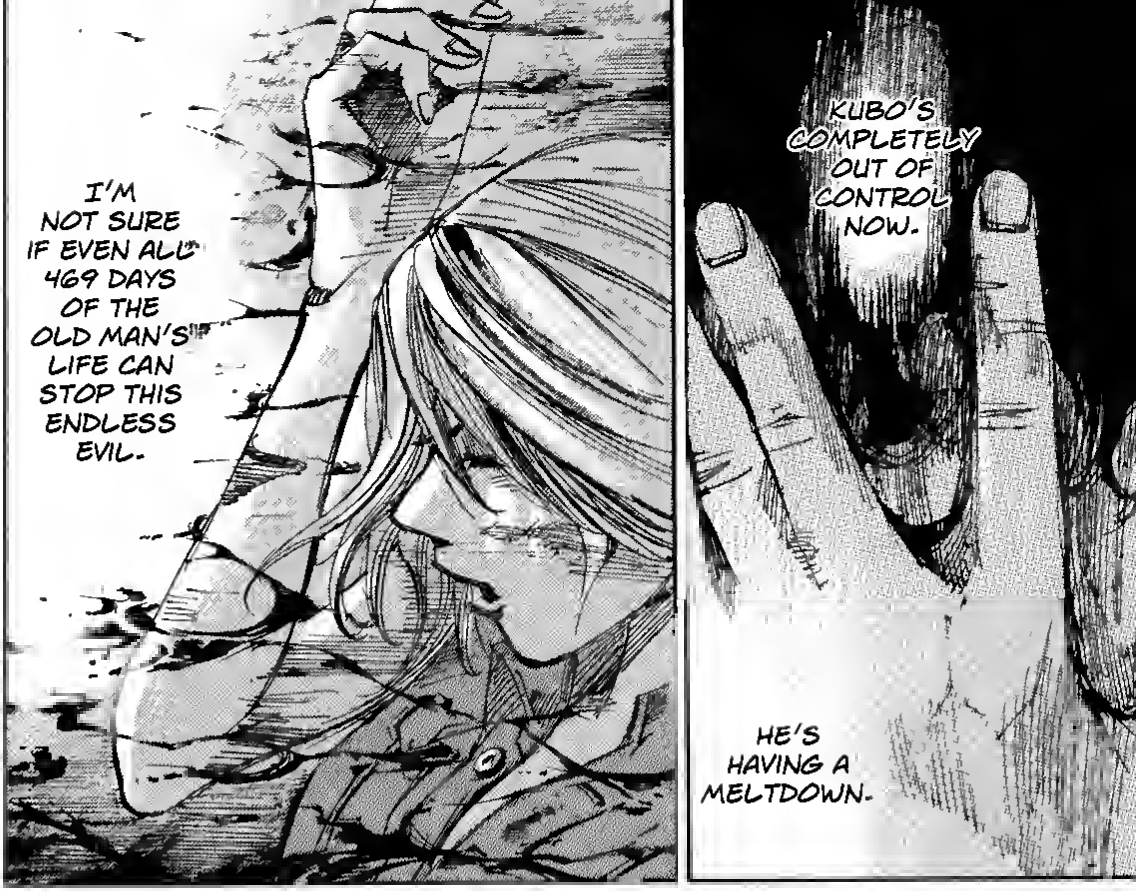
GAAH

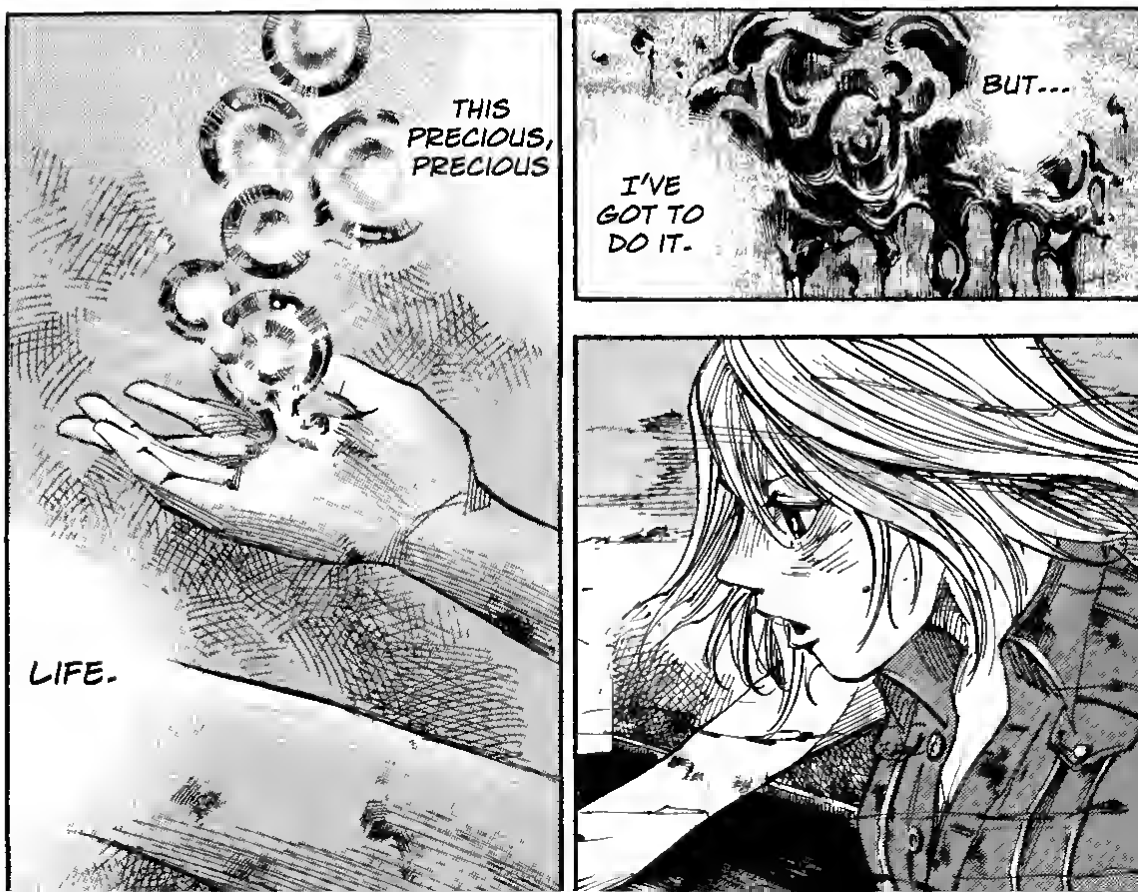


HAH
HAH
I CAN'T FORGIVE THAT.
WHILE YOU GO ON ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER BEING BAD, YOU FREELY USE PSYCHIC POWERS.
YOU'RE A LIAR.



AN UNIMAGIN-ABLY HUGE AMOUNT OF EVIL FROM THE DARKNESS WORLD
IS WELLING FROM KUBO'S BODY.

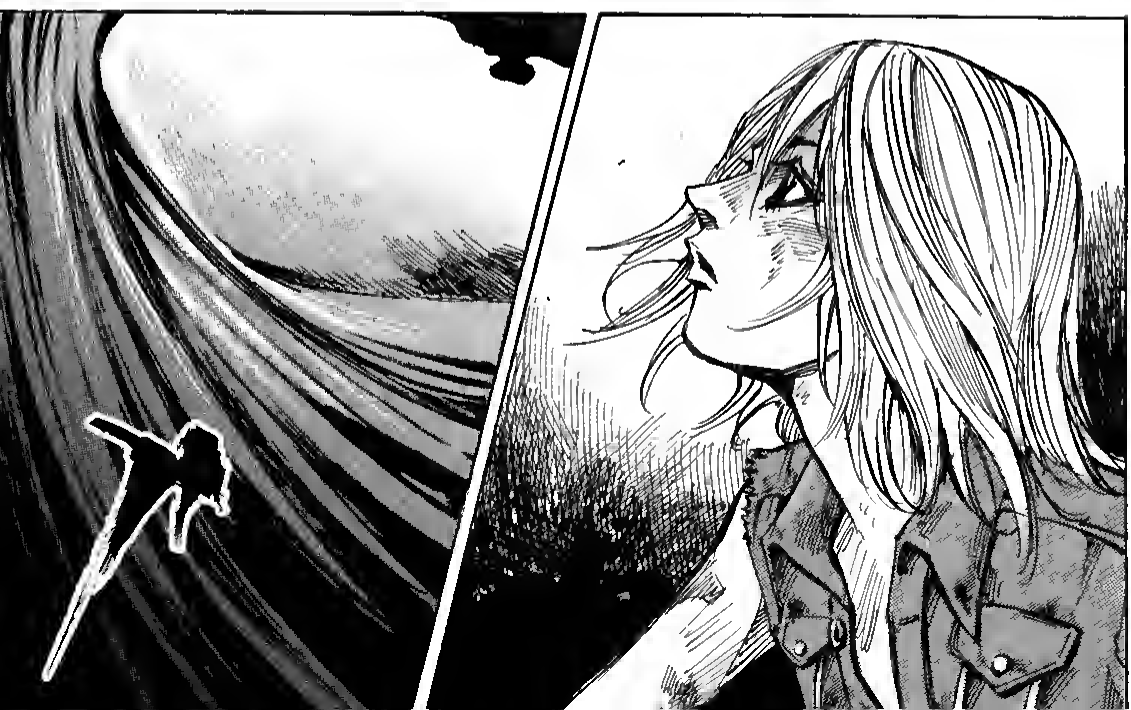

I'M NOT SURE IF EVEN ALL 469 DAYS OF THE OLD MAN'S LIFE CAN STOP THIS ENDLESS EVIL.
KUBO'S COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL NOW.
HE'S HAVING A MELTDOWN.


THIS PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS
LIFE.
BUT...
I'VE GOT TO DO IT.

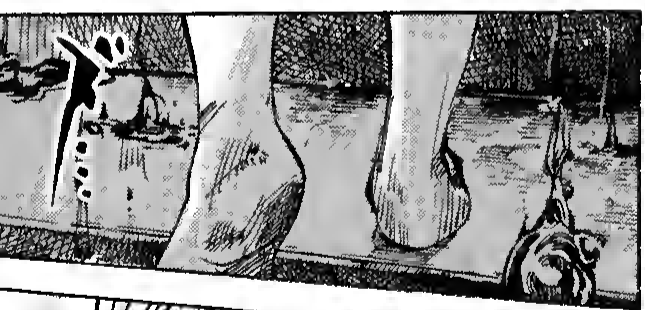
I'M GONNA USE YOU.
GO!

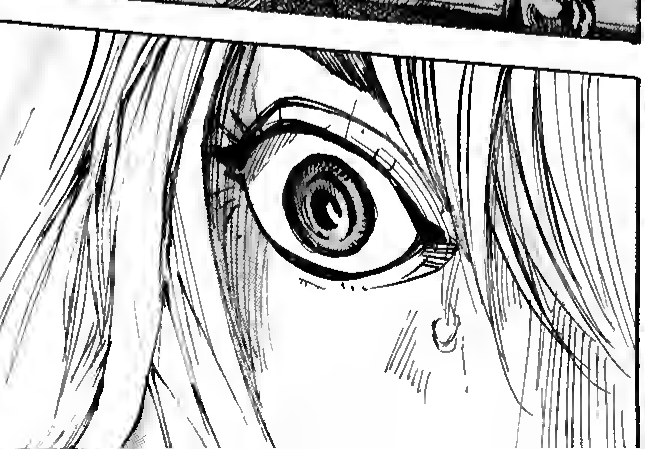
BLURGH

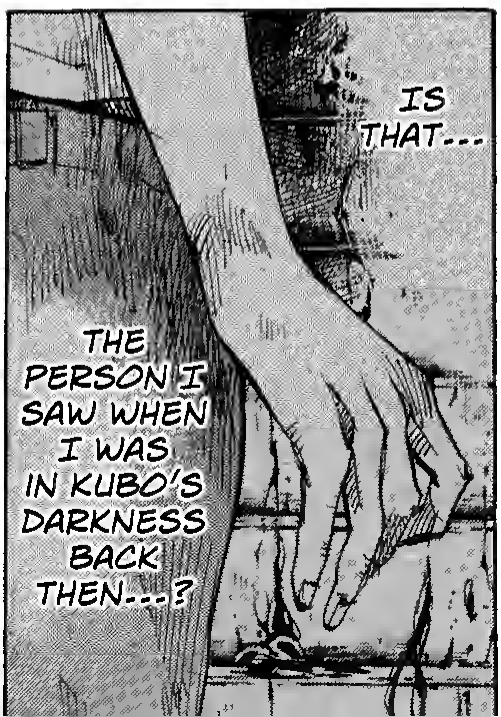
RUMBLE
I'LL DYE YOU PITCH BLACK.
WHAT AN IDIOT.
BEFORE THE DARKNESS WORLD, ONE HUMAN LIFE IS NOTHING BUT GARBAGE.



A PERSON!?





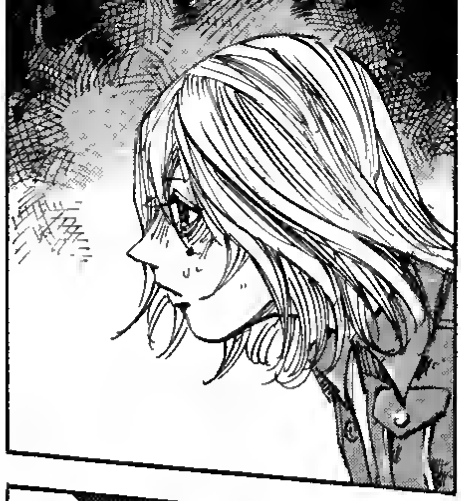

IS THAT...
THE PERSON I SAW WHEN I WAS IN KUBO'S DARKNESS BACK THEN...?

SAWA-KO!?
KUBO'S LITTLE SISTER,
NO WAY, ARE YOU...

TAP
AHH!

THUMP
WHAT'RE YA DOIN'!?

Life67 Root of the Tragedy



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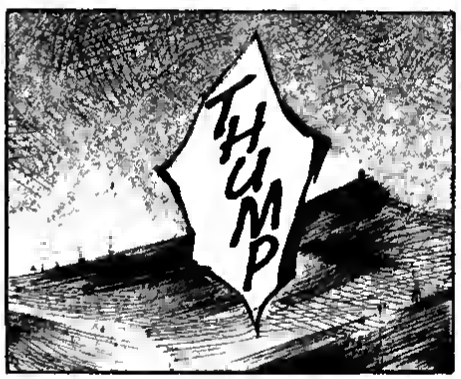
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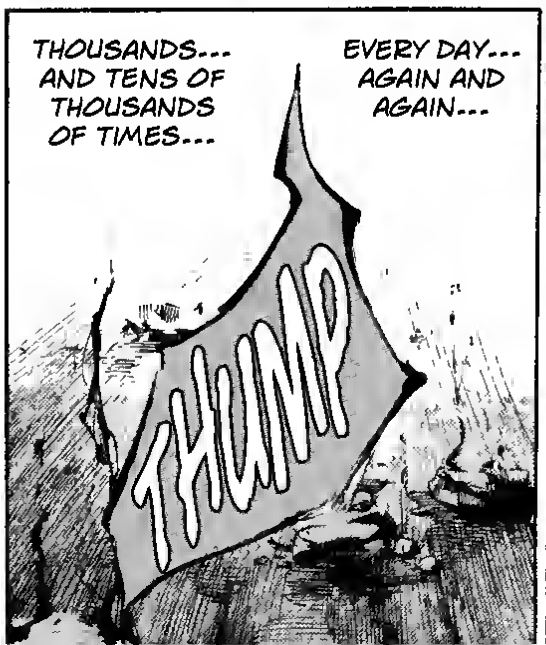

THOUSANDS... AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES...
EVERY DAY... AGAIN AND AGAIN...
THUMP

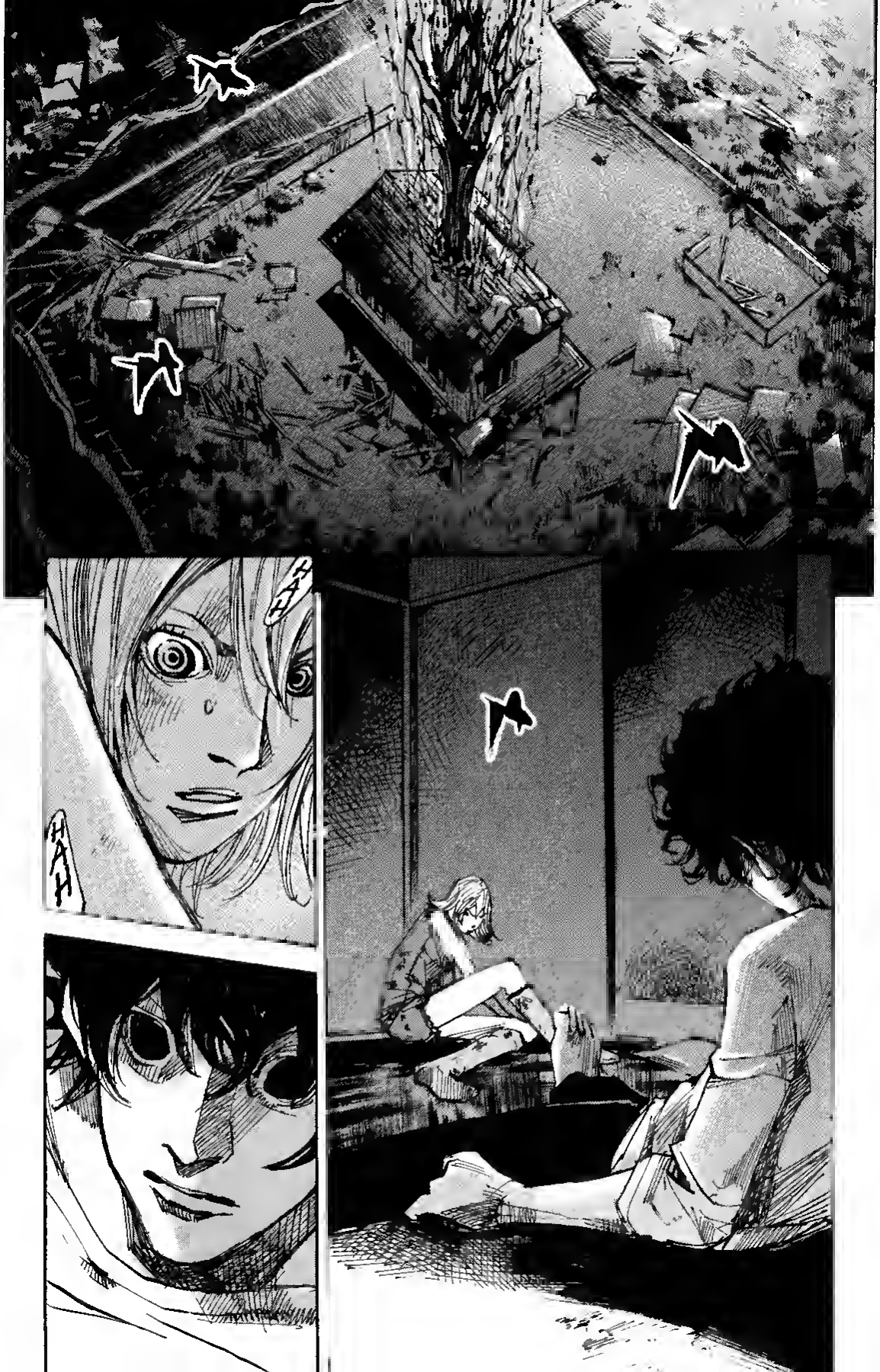
IN THE DARKNESS WORLD, SHE'S RELIVING JUMPING OFF A CLIFF OVER AND OVER.

AH, UM...
YOU'RE SAWAKO-CHAN, RIGHT?
YES.
WHAT IS IT?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?
I DO NOT KNOW.
I JUST HAVE A FEELING THAT I NEED TO KEEP DOING THIS HERE.
BE-CAUSE I PROBA-BLY
HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO...

SO HERE, SHE CONTINUES...
HER OWN HELL...
WHEN SAWAKO FELL TO HER DEATH ON EARTH, THAT'S JUST HOW MUCH OF A HELL SHE WAS RELEASED FROM.
THUMP
HIS LITTLE SISTER STUCK IN A LOOP THAT HE, DYED SO DEEP IN BLACK, CANNOT SAVE.
WITH SAWAKO HERE INSIDE KUBO'S DARKNESS,
HE SEES HER LIKE THIS EVERY DAY.

THIS IS
THE ROOT OF THE TRAGEDY.
SAWAKO.
ゴゴゴ
YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.
BUT BOTH ON EARTH AND IN THE NEXT WORLD, YOU'VE TASTED NOTHING BUT HELL.

THAT'S ENOUGH-
THAT'S ENOUGH, SAWAKO-
LET'S BE DONE WITH THIS-

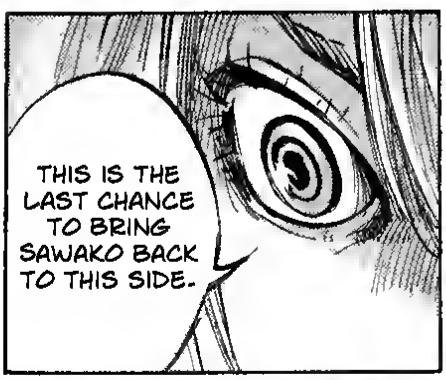

HAH
HAH

KUBO...
I MET WITH SAWAKO INSIDE THE DARKNESS THAT LINKS YOU AND THE DARKNESS WORLD AND...
HAH
HAH
SHE'S A CUTE LITTLE GIRL...
I THINK THAT EVEN YOU KNOW
THAT GIRL ISN'T A BAD GIRL AT ALL.
SHE'S JUST A LITTLE SICK.
THERE MIGHT BE NO WAY FOR YOU TO EVENTUALLY FALL INTO THE DARKNESS WORLD.

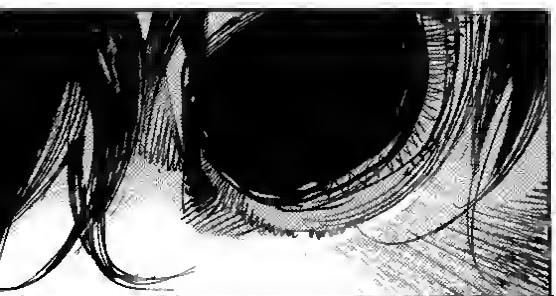
BUT IF THAT HAPPENS, THAT GIRL WILL NEVER BE NOTICED BY ANYONE
AND FOREVER BE STUCK THERE IN THAT LOOP.
BUT SAWAKO WON'T BE ALONE.
BECAUSE I'LL BE GOING THERE SOON.
DO YOU NEVER WANT SAWAKO TO FEEL HAPPINESS?
DO YOU HAVE THAT RIGHT?
UNFORTUNATELY,
SAWAKO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HAPPINESS IS.
IF I'M JUST NEXT TO HER, THAT'LL MAKE HER HAPPY.
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!

YOU CAN SEE YOUR LITTLE SISTER STUCK IN THAT SUICIDE LOOP, RIGHT!?
THAT'S THE FATE OF PEOPLE THAT DO BUSINESS WITH THE DARKNESS WORLD.
YOU AND YOUR SISTER'S LOVE FOR EACH OTHER MAY BE BEAUTIFUL,
BUT I'M GOING TO SAVE YOU.
HAH
HAH
YOU'RE STARTING TO TALK TO ME LIKE THE PRIME MINISTER.

YOU'RE A PRECIOUS CITIZEN.


THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE TO BRING SAWAKO BACK TO THIS SIDE.

USING THE OLD MAN'S LIFE, I'LL GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE DARKNESS.



YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE UP.
THAT DARKNESS ISN'T SO GENTLE
THE PRIME MINISTER WILL DIE
THAT ONE PERSON'S LIFE CAN CHANGE IT.
AND YOU WILL BE ANNI-HILATED.
THAT IS ALL.
BUT I'VE GOTTA MOVE FOR-WARD!
I'M THE PRIME MINISTER'S GUARDIAN SPIRIT!
YA MORON!
JUST LIKE HOW YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE, I'VE GOT A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!

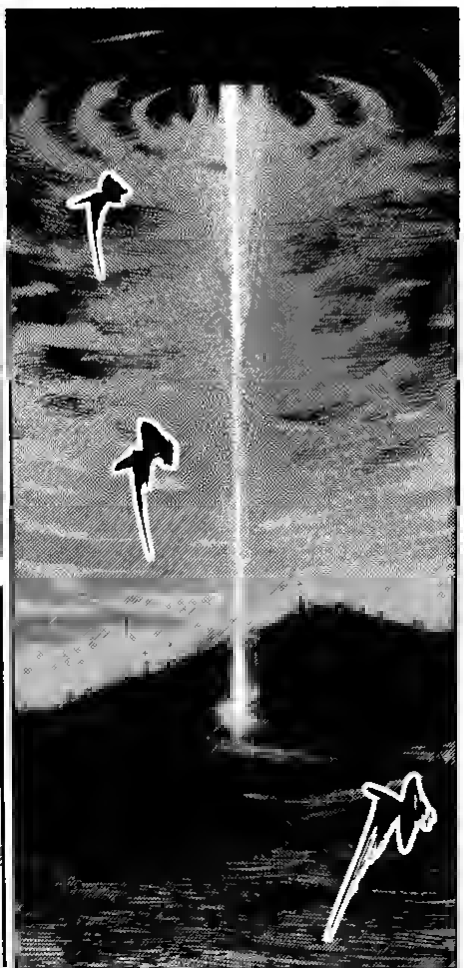
I'LL SAVE THE SOULS THAT I HAVE TO!
I COULD CRY.
YOU'RE LIKE AN ANGEL.

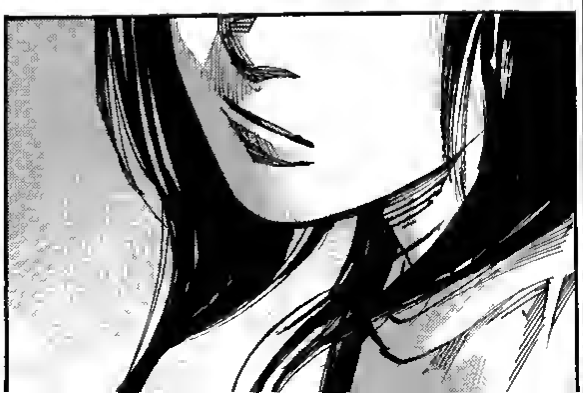
AHHH-
JUST A MEASLY TWO METERS, EH?
THIS IS ALL THAT ONE DAY OF A PERSON'S LIFE IS.
SAWA-KOOOO!
THAT'S NOT YOUR PLACE!

COME THIS WAY!

Life68 White Path

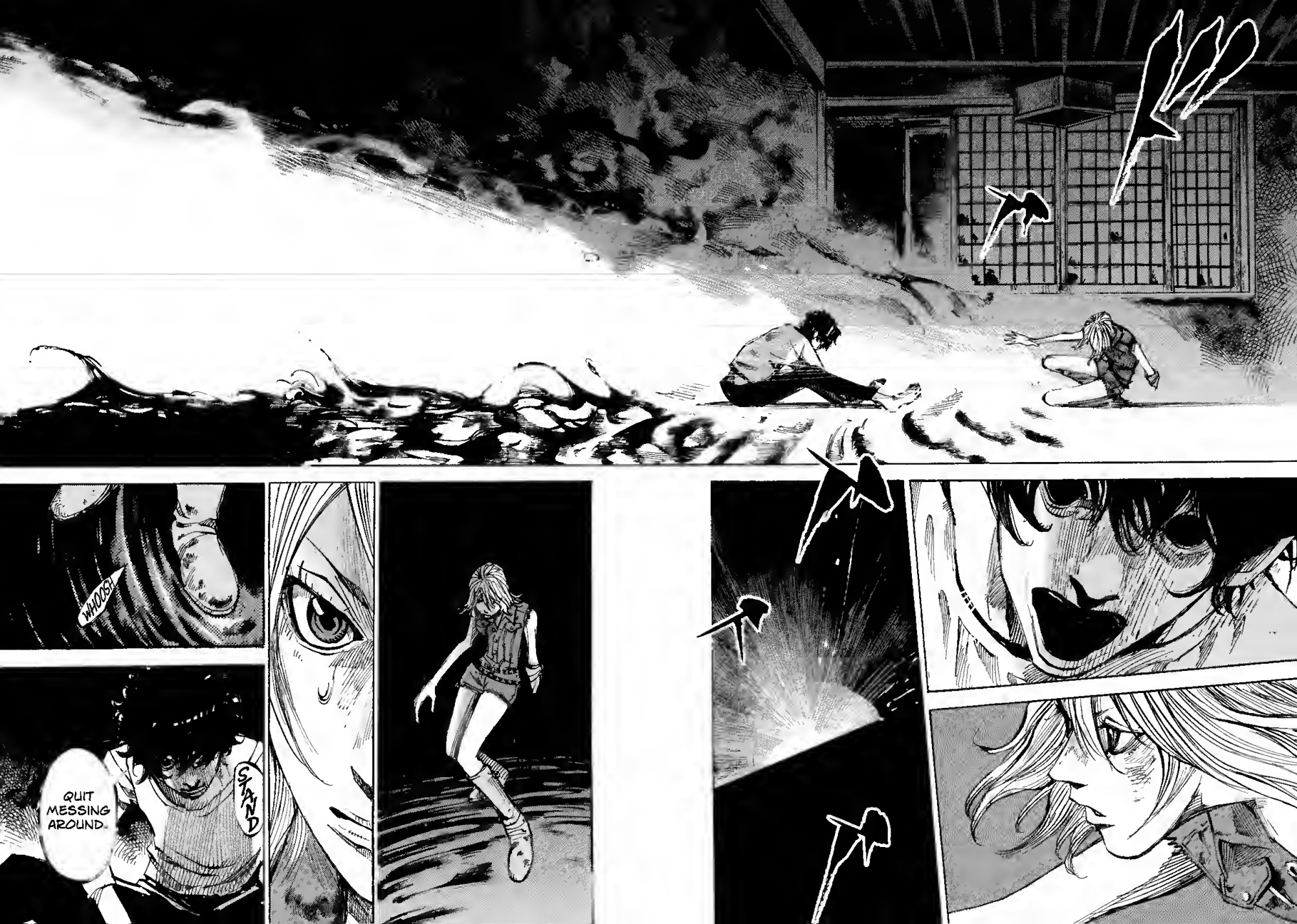
BOOM

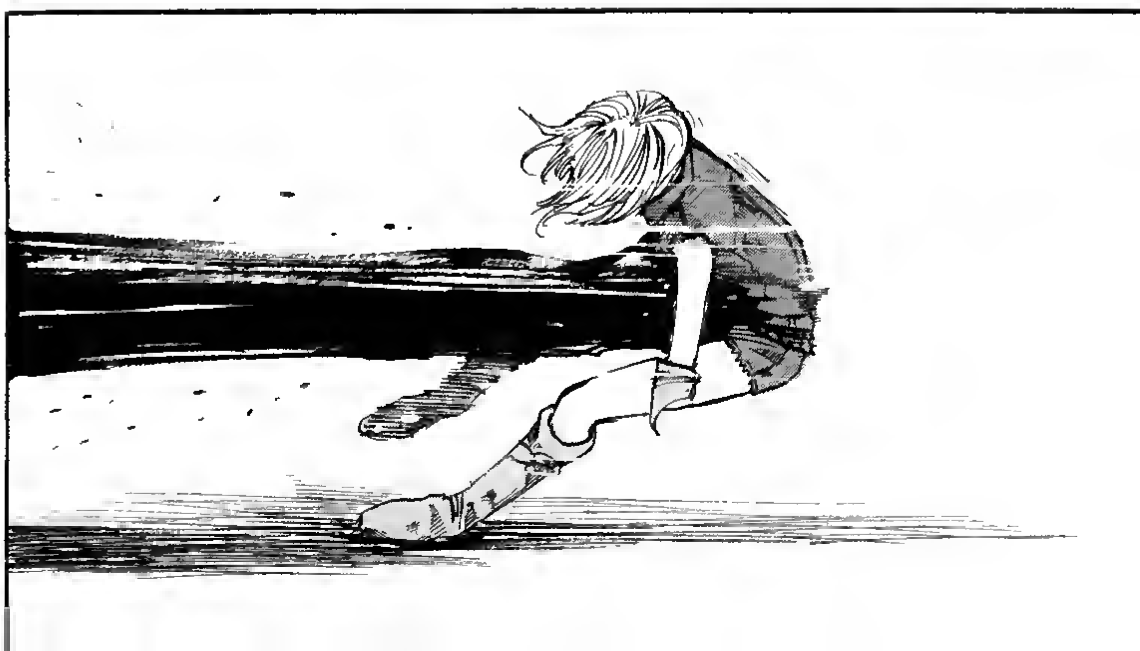


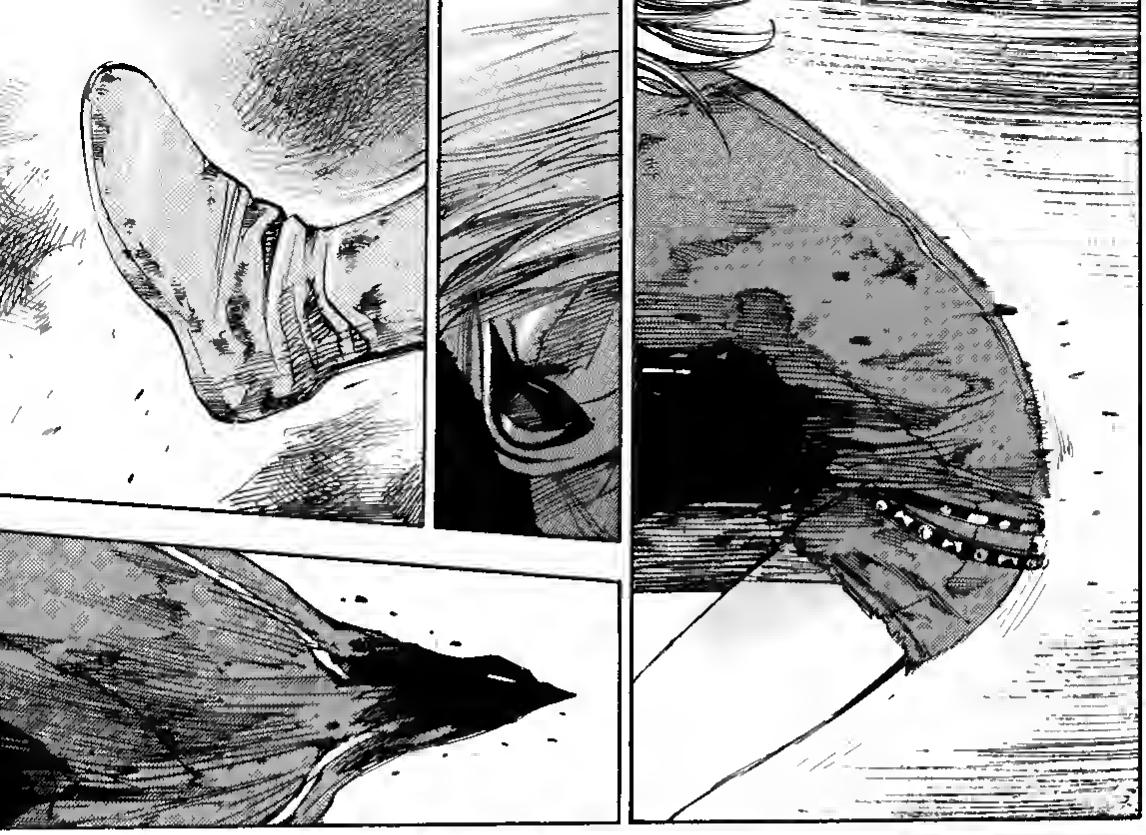


ARE YOU SURE
YOU WANNA USE THAT MANY?

I'M DEFINITELY MAKIN' A PATH TO THE DARKNESS' WORLD.
JUST A LIL' MORE.
THE PRIME MINISTER'S LIFE SPAN IS GETTING SMALLER AND SMALLER.
WAIT FER ME, SAWAKO.
I'M COMIN'!

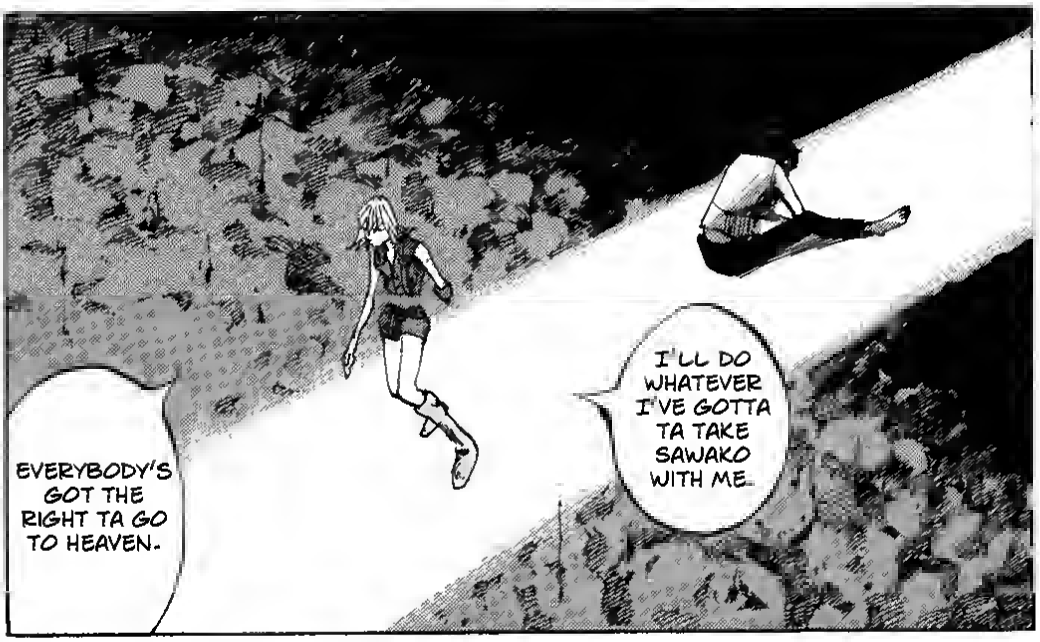

WHOOSH
QUIT MESSING AROUND.
STAND

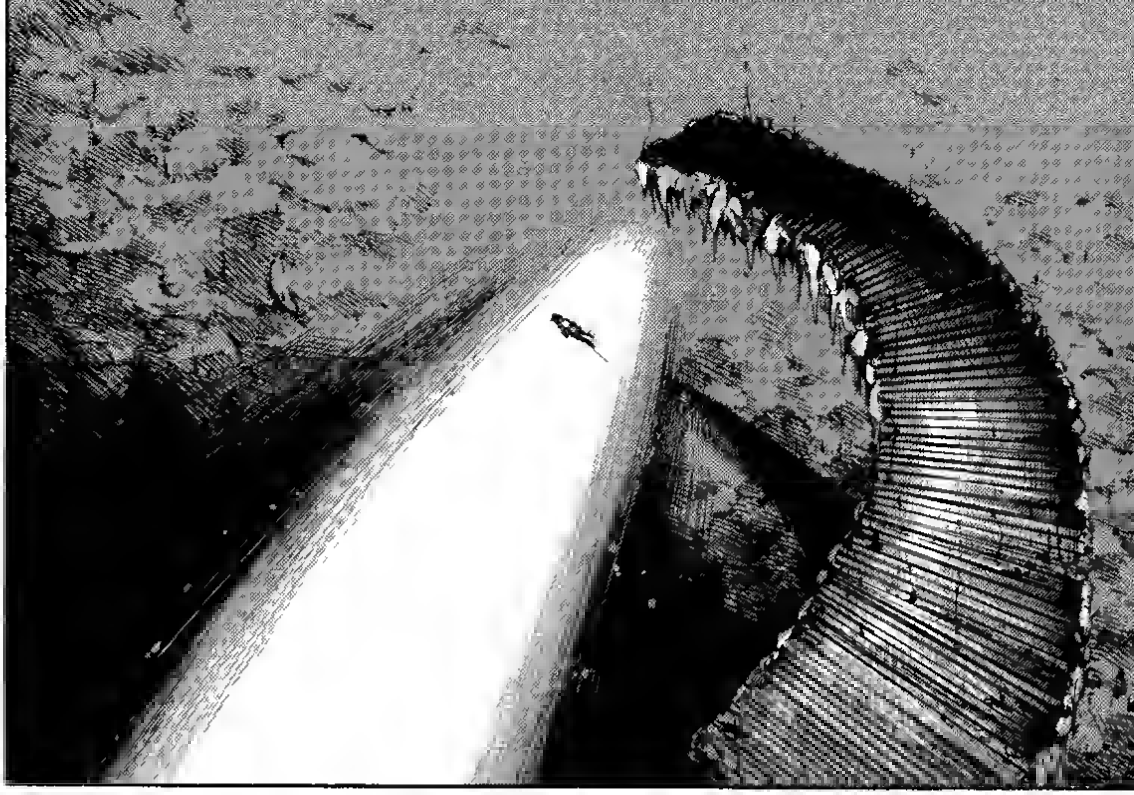


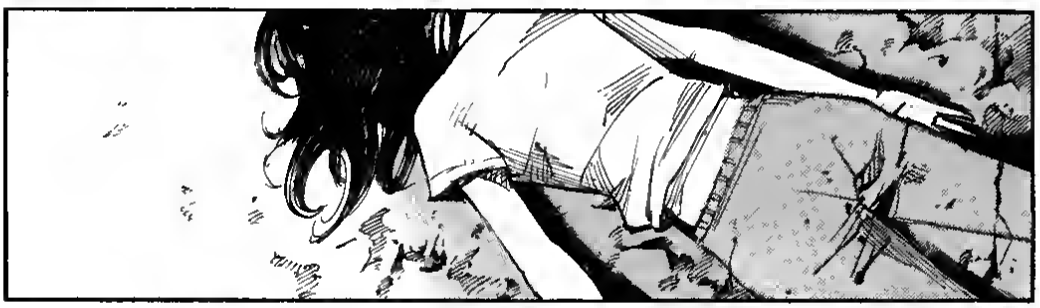


LIKE HELL I'M GONNA BE ERASED BY SOMETHIN' LIKE YER EVIL SPIRITS.
YOU DUMMY.
I SERIOUSLY WOULD NEVER FORGIVE YOU.
IF YOU DO WERE TO TAKE SAWAKO

WHAT THE HELL SORTA BIG BROTHER DOESN'T WANT HIS LITTLE SISTER TA BE HAPPY?


I'LL DO WHATEVER I'VE GOTTA TA TAKE SAWAKO WITH ME.
EVERYBODY'S GOT THE RIGHT TA GO TO HEAVEN.





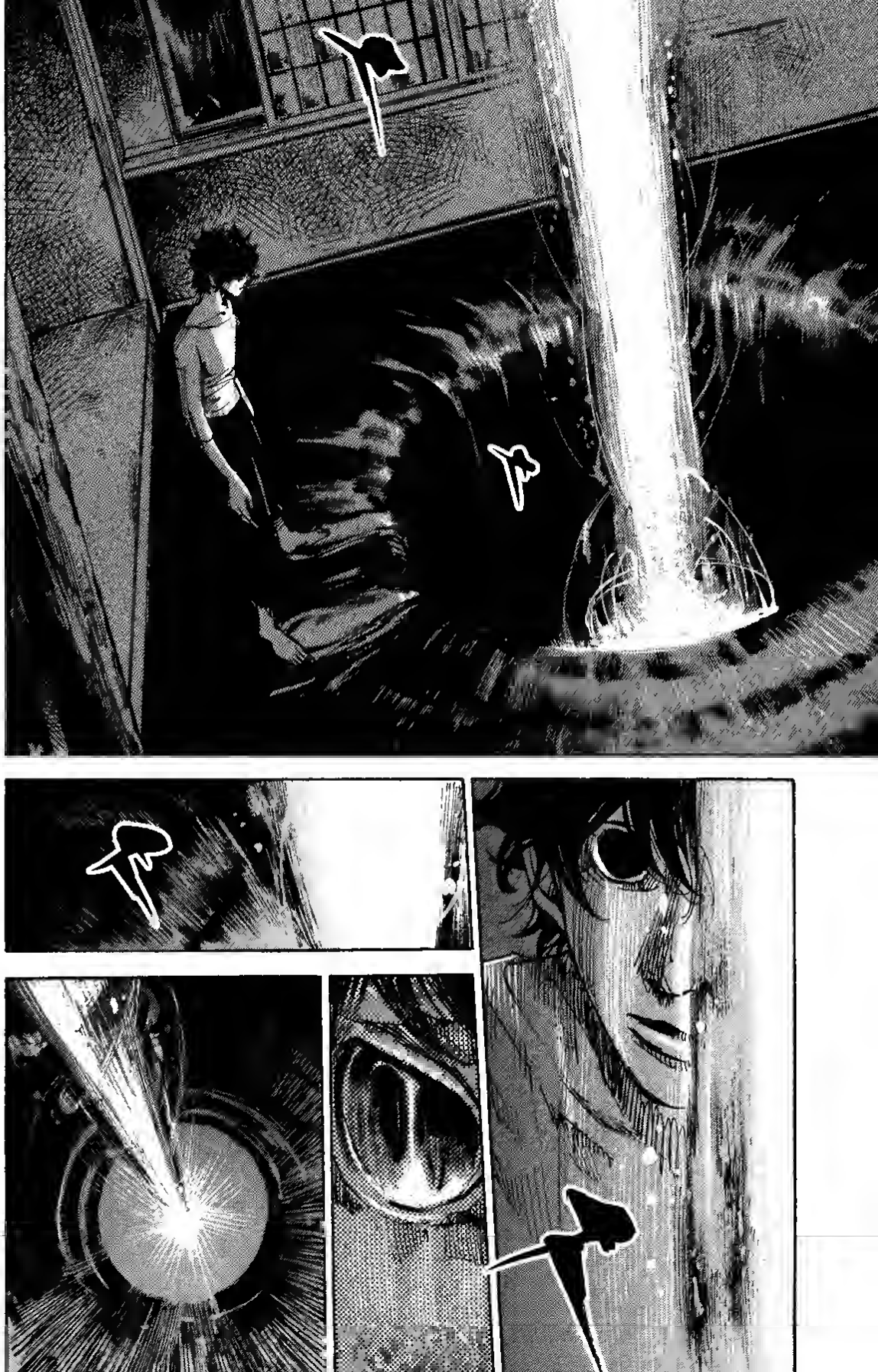
TAP
HAH
TAP

HAH

TAP
TAP

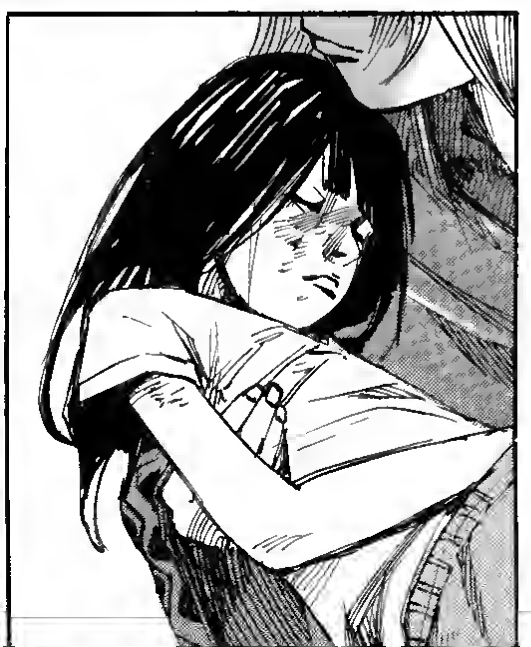
THE LOOP'S OVER WITH NOW.
SAWAKO.
GOOD JOB ENDURING THIS MUCH.
YOU'RE FREE TO LEAVE NOW.

OKAY,
LET'S GO.
SAY GOODBYE TA THE DARKNESS WORLD.
LIFT



SAWAKO.
KUBO,
WAIT UNTIL SAWAKO IS RESTING IN PEACE.

Life69 Sawako's Awakening



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RIYON...

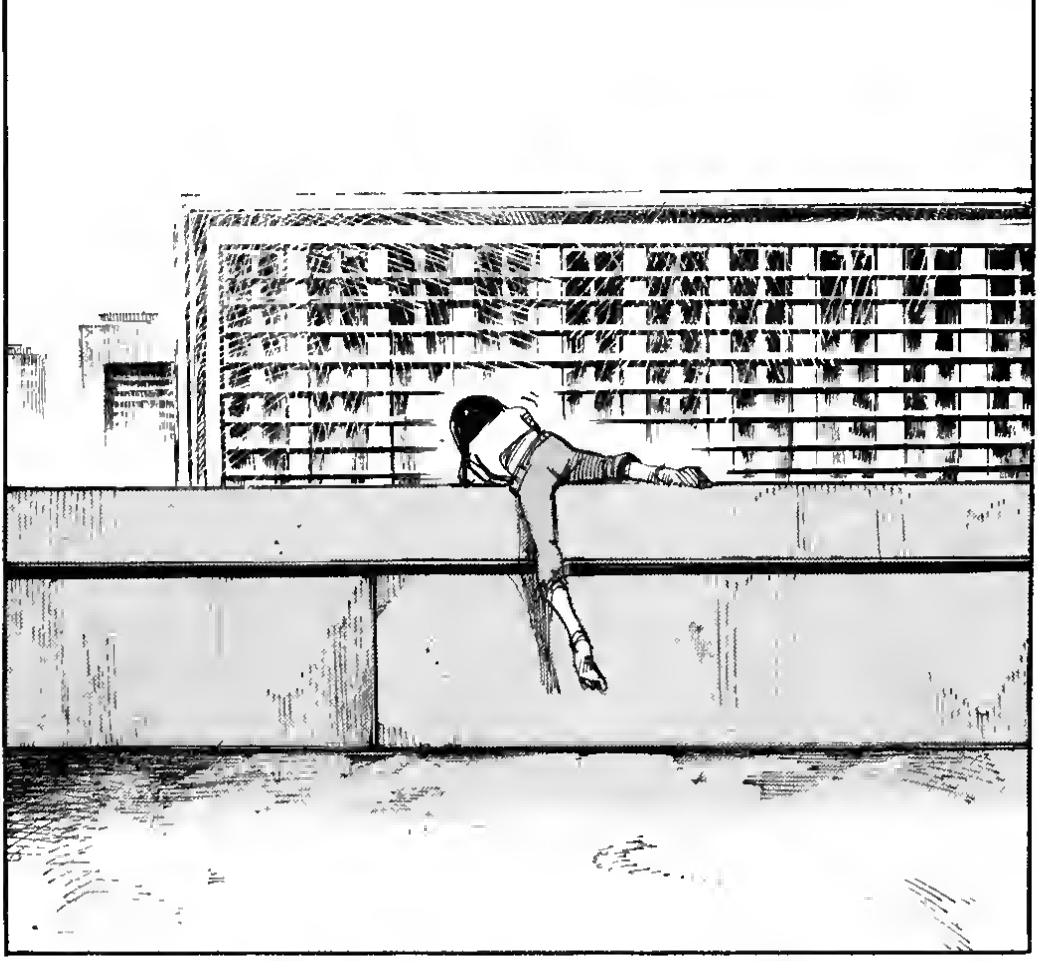
SHE'S BACK...?

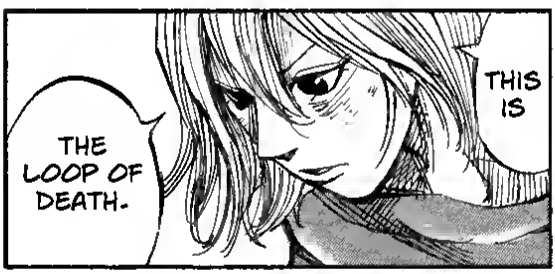
HAH
HAH
KUBO'S LITTLE SISTER?
IT'S SAWA-KO.
WHO'S THAT GIRL...?

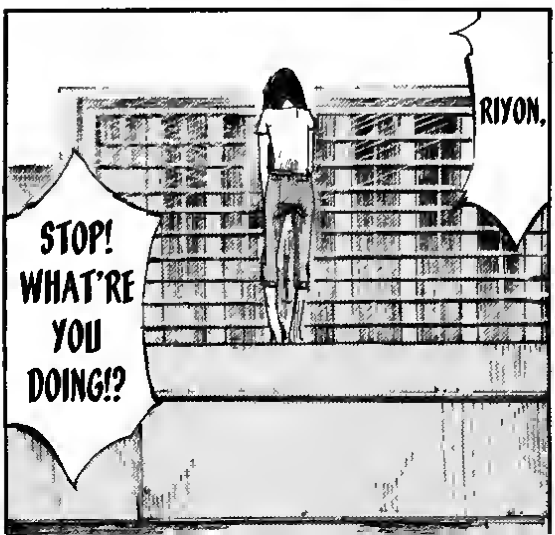
AIN'T THAT TERRI-BLE?
YEAH.
SHE WAS INSIDE THIS HUGE DARKNESS OF KUBO'S AND WAS FORCED TO REPEAT JUMPING TO HER DEATH OVER AND OVER.
ON AND ON SINCE EIGHT YEARS AGO.
BUT FOR THOSE TWO, THAT WAS AN IN-ESCAPABLE ETERNAL HELL.
SHE'S GOTTEN SO BANGED UP,
SO I TORE HER AWAY FROM IT BY FORCE.

I DON'T MIND THAT.
I'M SORRY, I HAD TA USE 36 DAYS OF YOUR LIFE SPAN, OLD MAN.
THE REASON KUBO WASN'T AFRAID OF FALLING INTO THE DARKNESS WORLD WAS BECAUSE SAWAKO WAS THERE...
HE WAS PLANNIN' ON SPENDING ETERNITY SUFFERING WITH THE LITTLE SISTER HE COULD NEVER RAISE UP.
BUT SAWAKO IS
GONE NOW.

CAUSE I REMOVED THE EPI-CENTER OF THE TRAGEDY.
TWITCH
HER HEART SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHANGED A LITTLE, TOO...
WHAT?
I FEEL SO BAD.
SHE STILL HASN'T REALIZED IT.




THIS IS
THE LOOP OF DEATH.


RIYON,
STOP! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?

SAWAKO... THAT'S ENOUGH.
COME DOWN.
THE JUMPING IS OVER.
SAWA-KO...
UNCLE HERE CUT AWAY SOME OF HIS LIFE TA RAISE YOU UP.

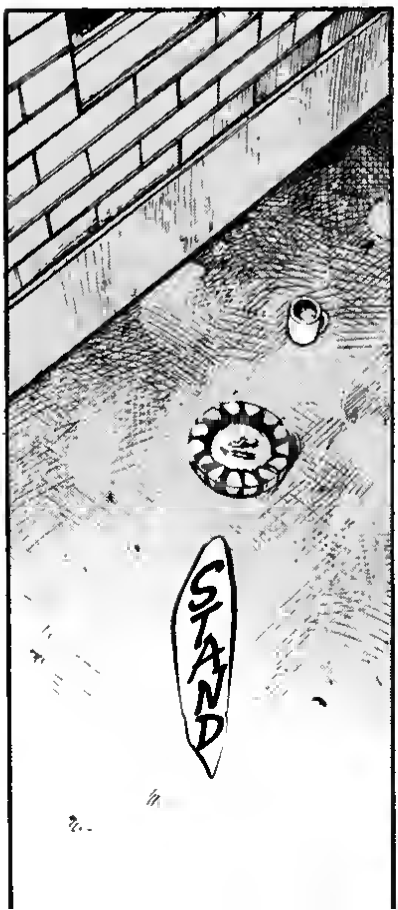
WHAT SAD EYES. EVEN HER TEARS HAVE RUN DRY.

KUBO WATCHED THIS GIRL IN A LOOP OF JUMPING TO HER DEATH FOR EIGHT YEARS?
YEAH.
THA'S RIGHT.
MY GOD.

PSYCHIC POWER IS SUCH AN UNLUCKY THING...

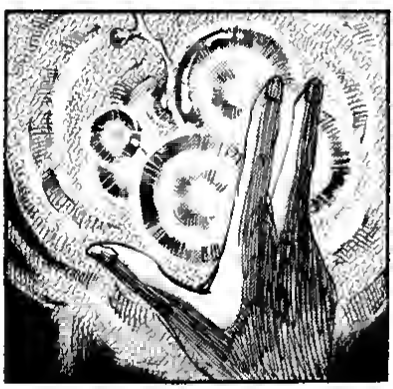
RIYON,
CAN I TOUCH THAT GIRL?

YES.
YOUR LIFE'S IN HER.


STAND

IKO
USE AS MUCH OF MY LIFE SPAN AS IT TAKES.
RIYON,
SAVE THIS GIRL.

GOT IT.
OKAY,



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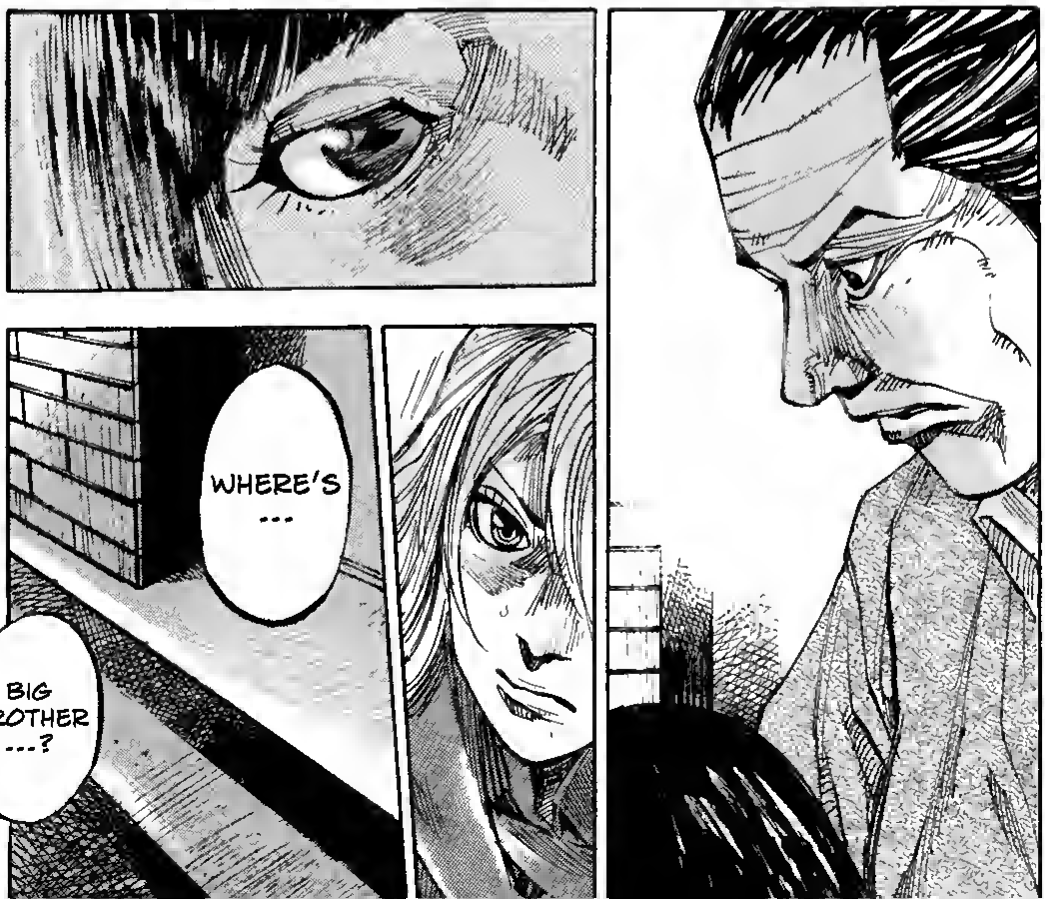
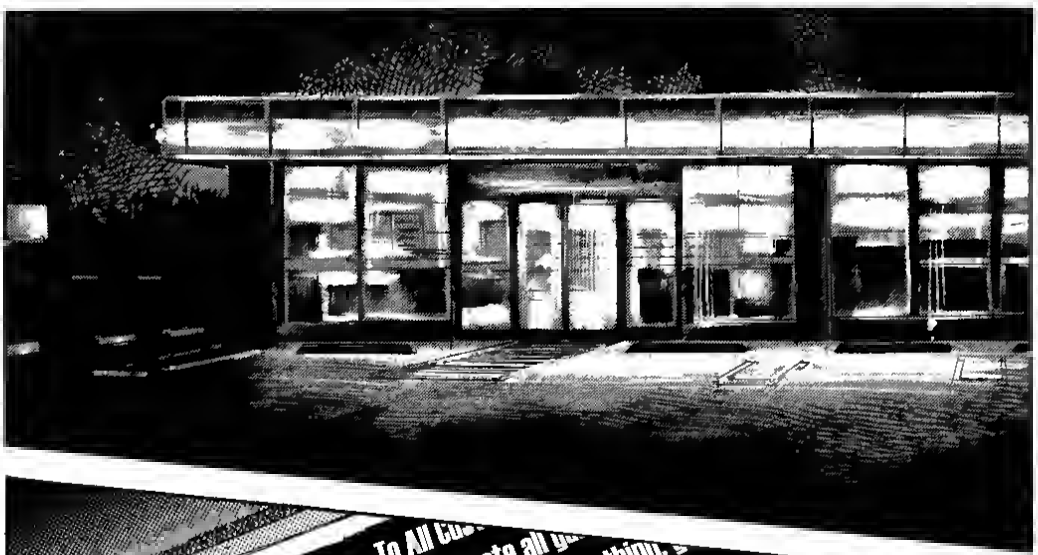
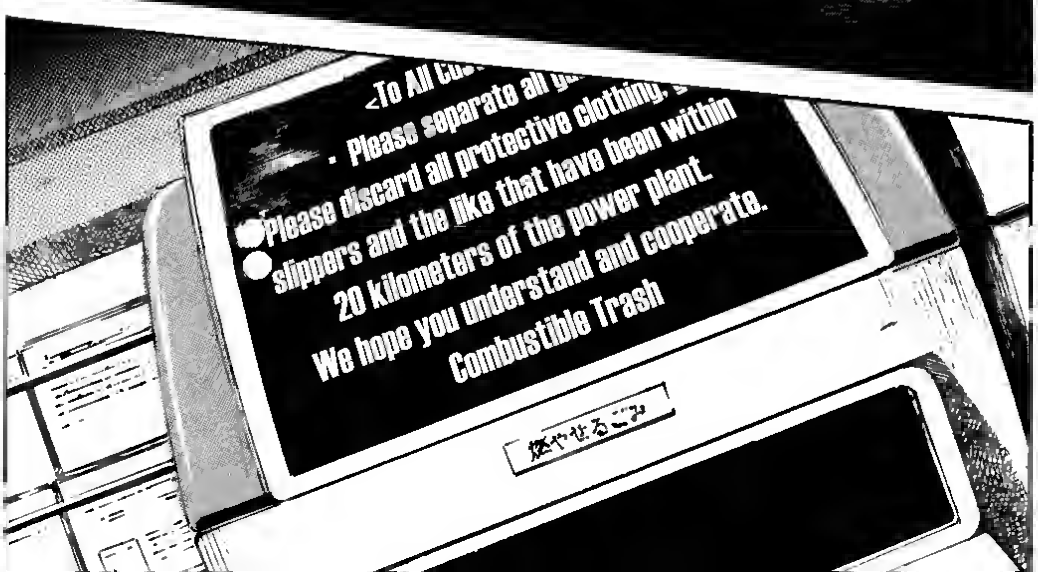

WHERE'S ...
BIG BROTHER ...?

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR BIG BROTHER.
UNCLE HERE IS GONNA SAVE HIM FOR YOU NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.

Life70 Taking Away

Fukushima Prefecture Futaba City, in front of J Village




To All
Please separate all
Please discard all protective clothing,
slippers and the like that have been within
20 kilometers of the power plant.
We hope you understand and cooperate.
Combustible Trash
燃やせるごみ

DRY
ASA
HELLO.
AH,

AH, WERE WE?
EH--- UH---
WHO'S THIS GUY AGAIN---?
YOU REMEMBER, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT YOUR DAUGHTER'S X-MAS PRESENT, WEREN'T WE?
AH,
WE WERE AT THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT TOGETHER BEFORE.
AH, RIGHT.
DID SHE LIKE THAT 3DS?
YEAH, SHE WAS DELIGHTED.
AH,
WHY DON'T WE GO GET A DRINK?
SURE, WHY NOT---
GLAD TO HEAR IT.

SO, HOW MUCH'RE YA GETTING NOW?
NO WORK FOR SOMEONE AS YOUNG AS YOU...?

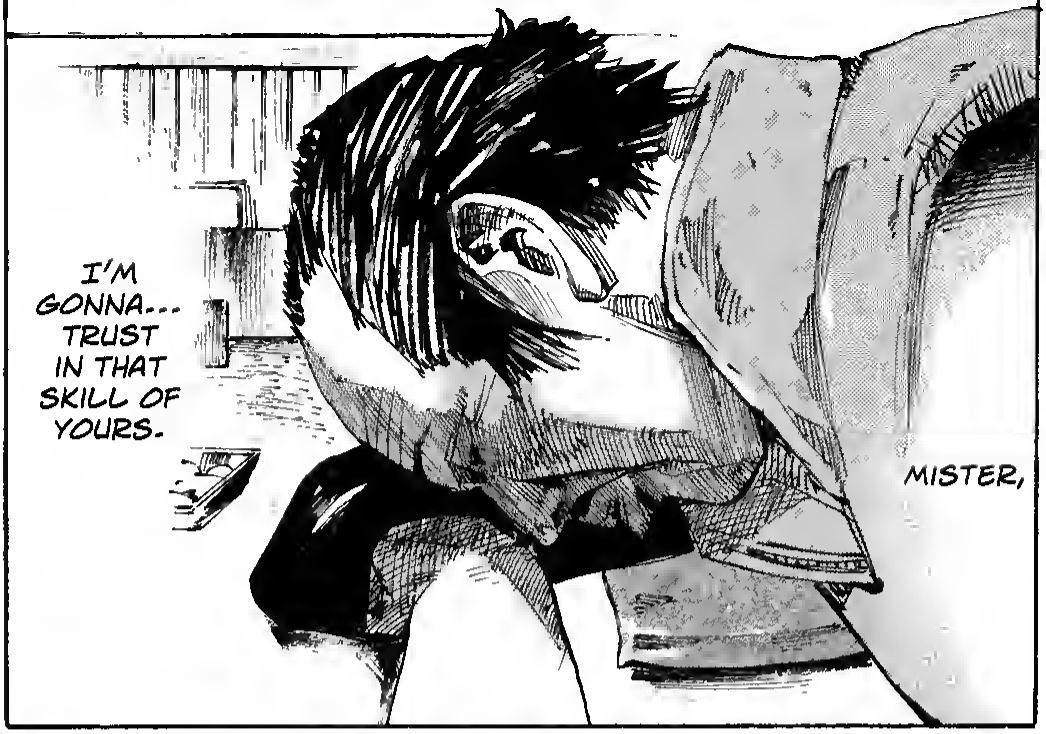
WELL, AROUND 100,000 YEN.
RIGHT NOW?

YOU DOIN' THAT, TOO, SONNY? WORKING AWAY FROM HOME?
YES. THERE'S REALLY NO WORK AT MY HOMETOWN ANYMORE...

I USUALLY GET AROUND 400,000.
HONESTLY, A YOUNG LAD SUCH AS YOURSELF THAT DOESN'T HAVE MANY MARKET-ABLE SKILLS WILL PROBABLY GET SENT INTO A PIPE OR SOMETHING WHERE THE RADIATION IS HIGH.
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST BE GETTIN' 200,000.

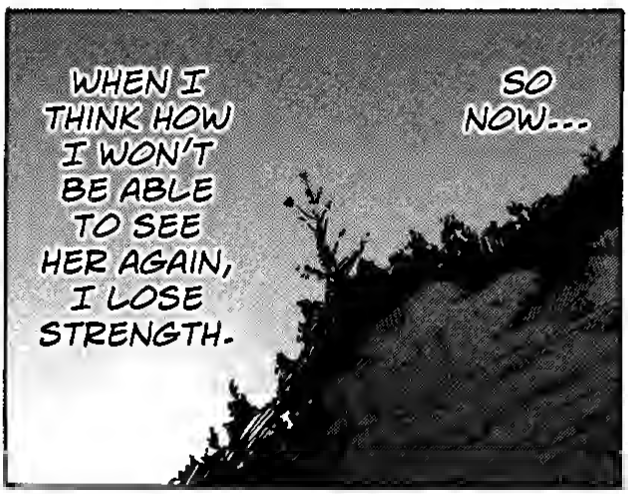
AH, THAT'S TOO BAD.
AT SOME POINT THEY REALLY STARTED CUTTING DOWN ON PAY, HUH?

WELL, I REALLY CAN'T COM-PLAIN.
IT'S BETTER THAN NO JOB AT ALL.
WELL, DRINK UP.
AH,
YEAH, I GUESS SO.


I'M GONNA... TRUST IN THAT SKILL OF YOURS.
MISTER,

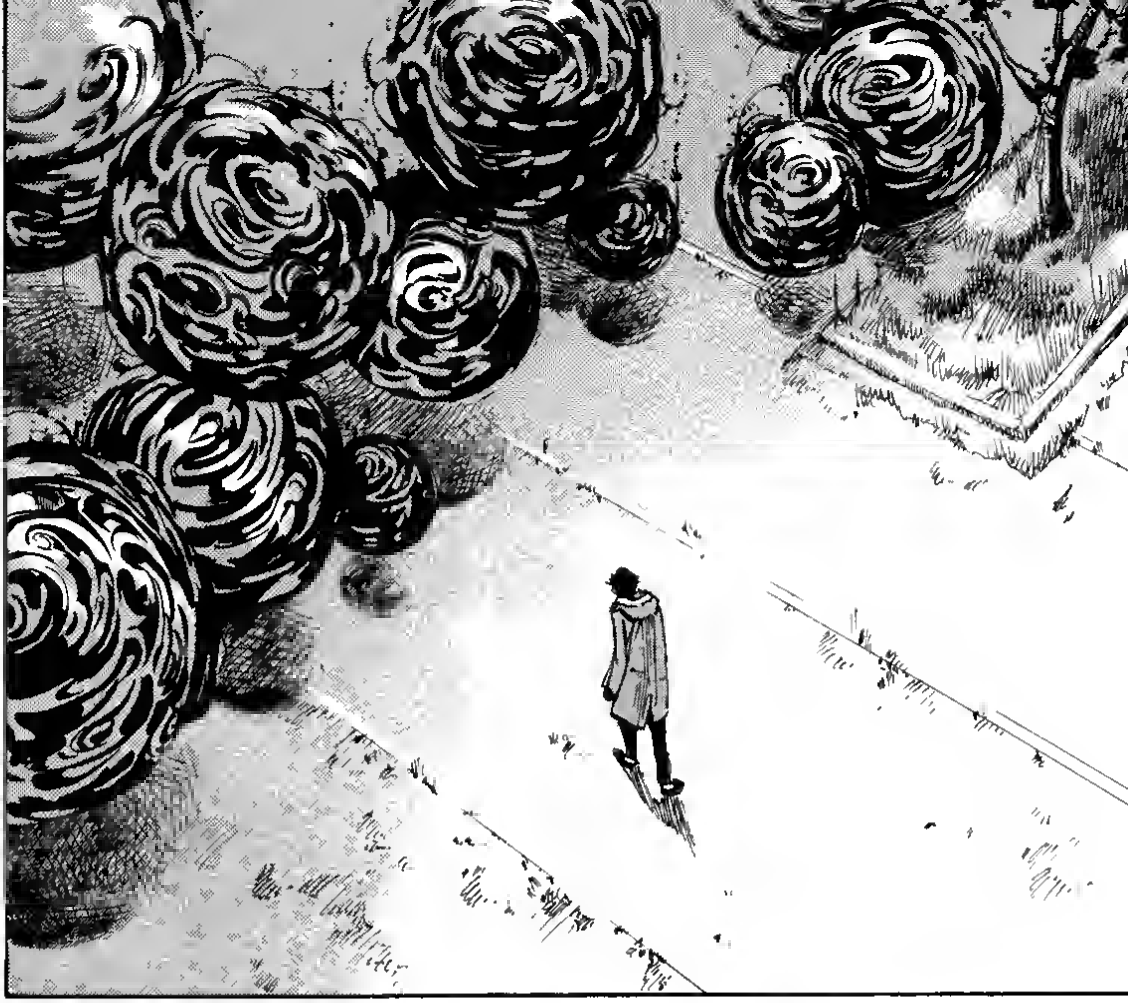
SHU
SHU

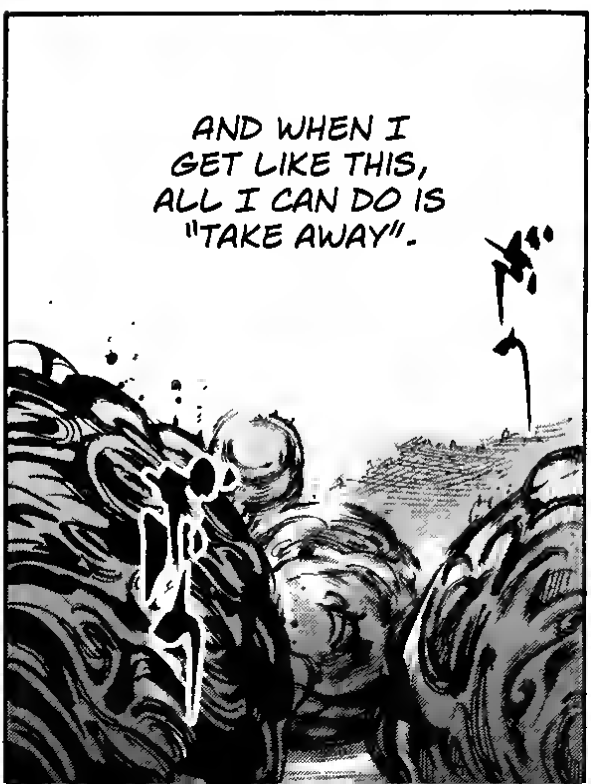
SERIOUSLY... I NEVER THOUGHT YOU GUYS WOULD PULL SOMETHING LIKE THAT... YOU USED ILLEGAL MOVES TO TAKE THAT WHICH WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.

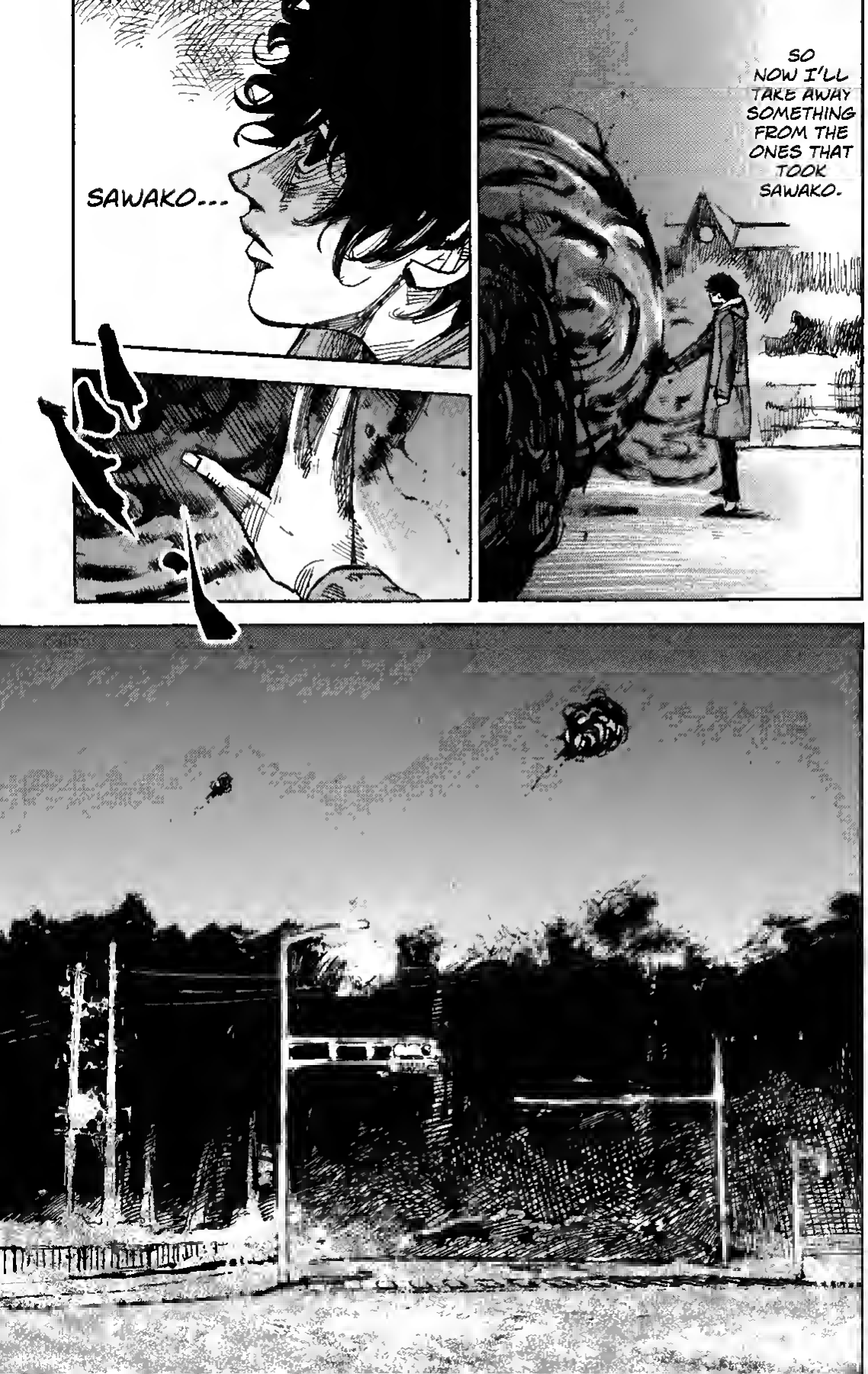

WHEN I THINK HOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HER AGAIN, I LOSE STRENGTH.
SO NOW...

SAWAKO SUPPORTED ME.
EVEN IN THAT DEATH LOOK IN THE DARKNESS WORLD,

IT BECOMES LIKE HOPE, RESOLVE, AND THE FUTURE HAVE ALL DISAPPEARED...




AND WHEN I
GET LIKE THIS,
ALL I CAN DO IS
"TAKE AWAY".


SAWAKO...
SO NOW I'LL TAKE AWAY SOMETHING FROM THE ONES THAT TOOK SAWAKO.

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UM,
ARE YOU OKAY?

YEAH,
I'M FINE.
I'LL TAKE EVERYTHING.

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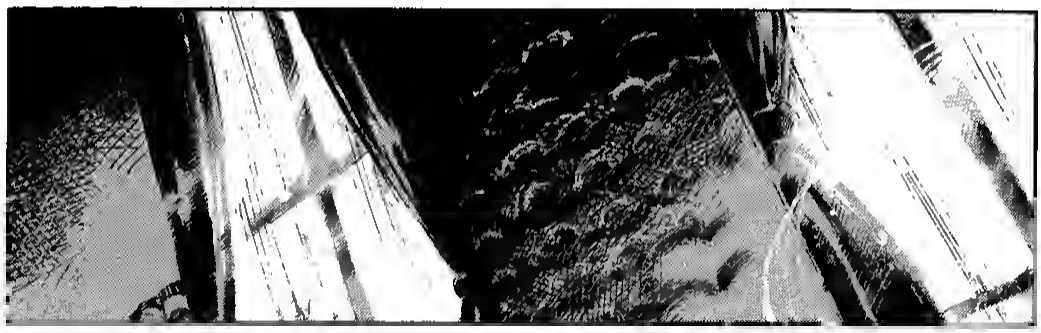

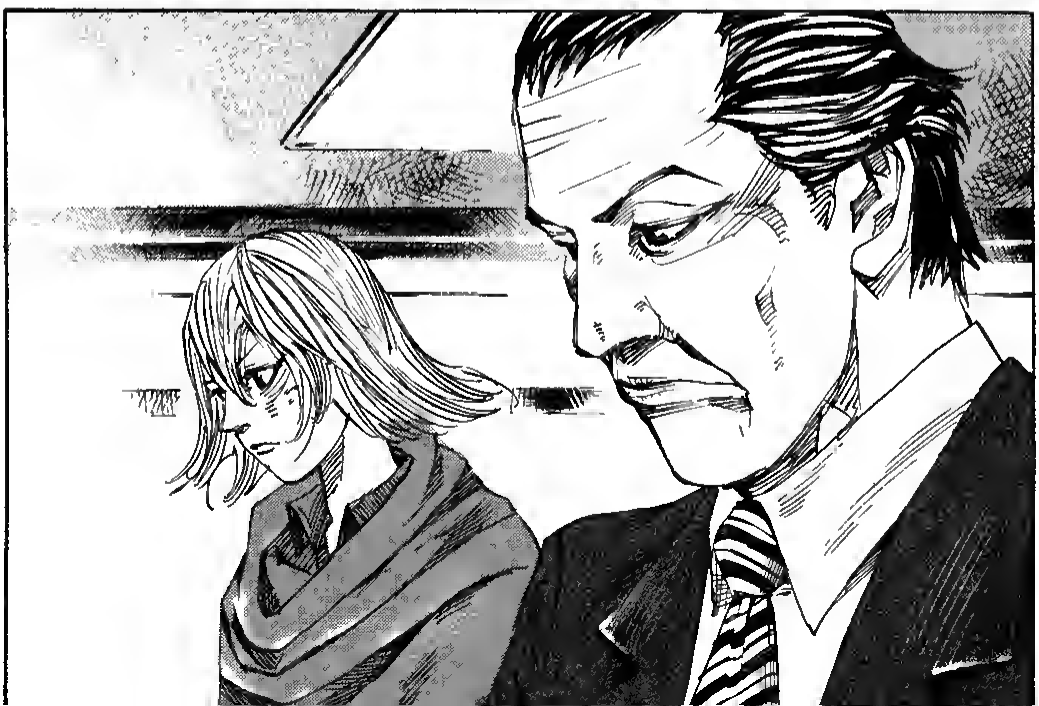

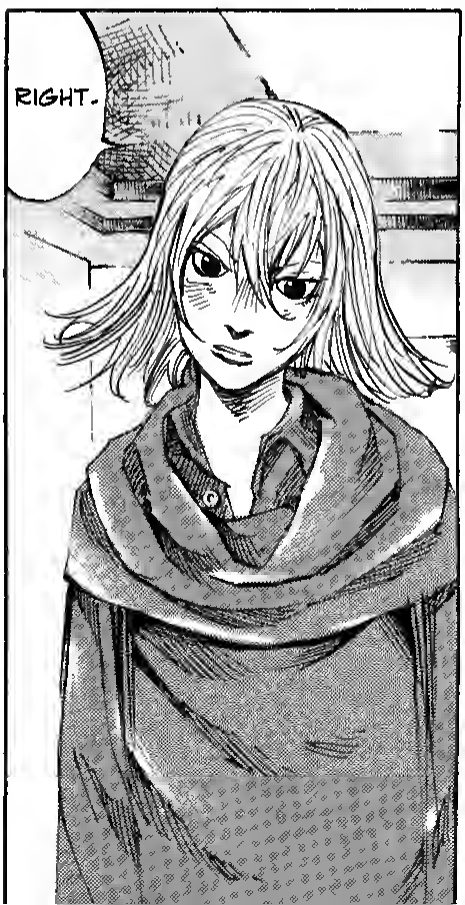
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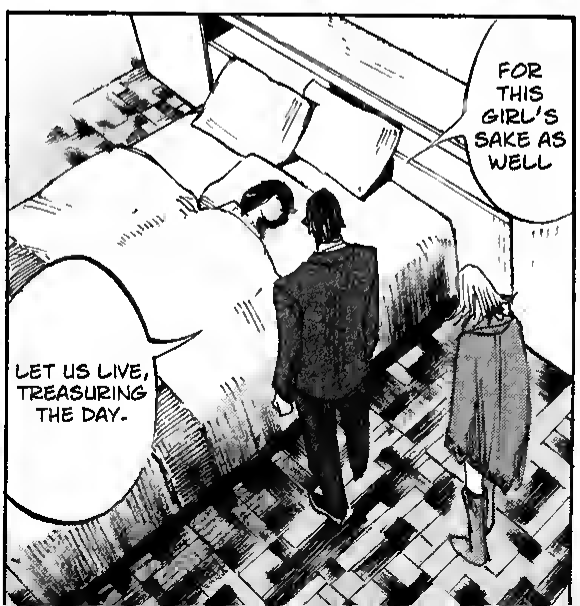
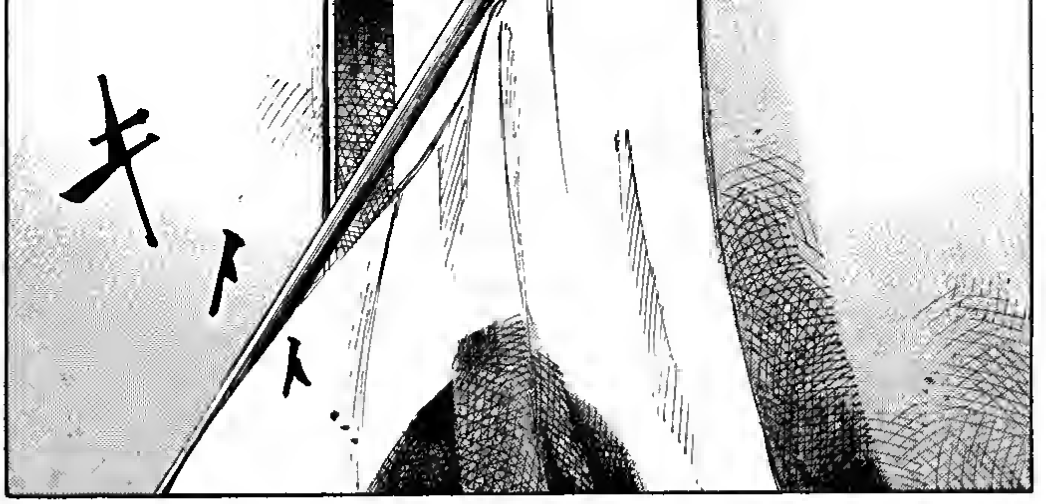

FOR THIS GIRL'S SAKE AS WELL
LET US LIVE, TREASURING THE DAY.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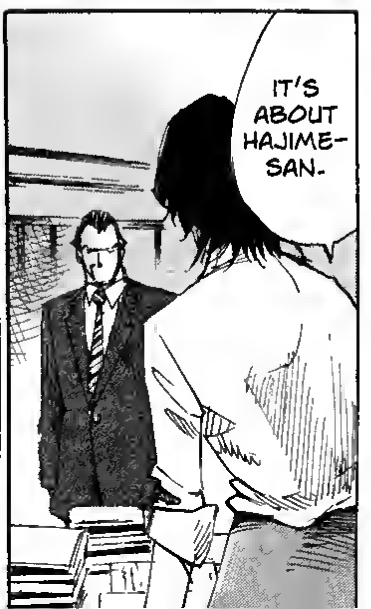
I JUST GOT WORD...
PRIME MINISTER,

GOOD MORNING!

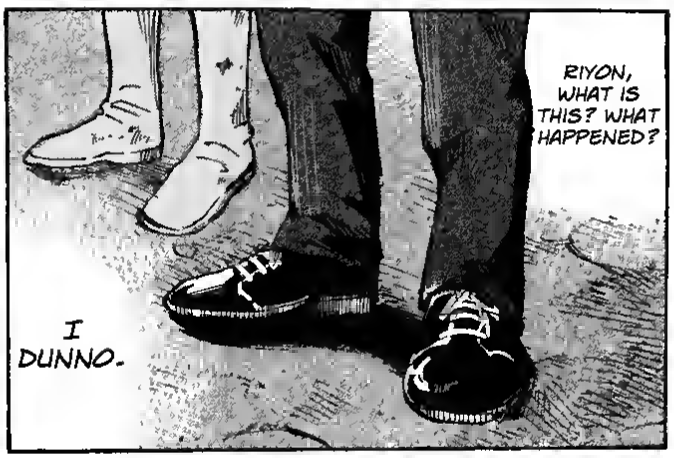
NO.

WHAT IS IT? HAS THE WORST FINALLY HAPPENED...?


IT'S ABOUT HAJIME-SAN.

IT SEEMS HE REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
COUGH
HAH
HAH
HAH
IS THIS
A MIRA-CLE...?

BUT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SOMEWHERE, KUBO IS USING ALL HIS POWER.


RIYON, WHAT IS THIS? WHAT HAPPENED?
I DUNNO.

IT'S FROM MY SON.
PIRURU
PIRURU
PIRURU

HAH
HAH
HAH
HAJI-
ME...
WHAT'S GOING ON? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
DAD...
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BUSY WORKING HARD AS USUAL, HUH?
I SEE. I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.
THAT'S MY OLD MAN.
YEAH.
I'M MANAGING, SOMEHOW.

I ENDED UP LIKE THIS BECAUSE YOU USED PSYCHIC POWERS. MOVES THAT WERE AGAINST THE RULES.
BUT,
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE A SACRIFICE?
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE KILLED?
THIS ISN'T A JOKE.
IT WAS THE SAME WHEN MOM WAS AROUND.
YOU WERE SO PREOCCUPIED WITH WORK THAT YOU NEVER CAME TO SEE HER. I WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT UNDERSTOOD.
IN THE END, THE ONES THAT GET THE SHORT END OF THE STICK ARE THE ONES CLOSE TO YOU.

YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THIS COUNTRY'S CITIZENS, BUT YOU'RE SCARED OF DYING TOO, RIGHT?
I AM.

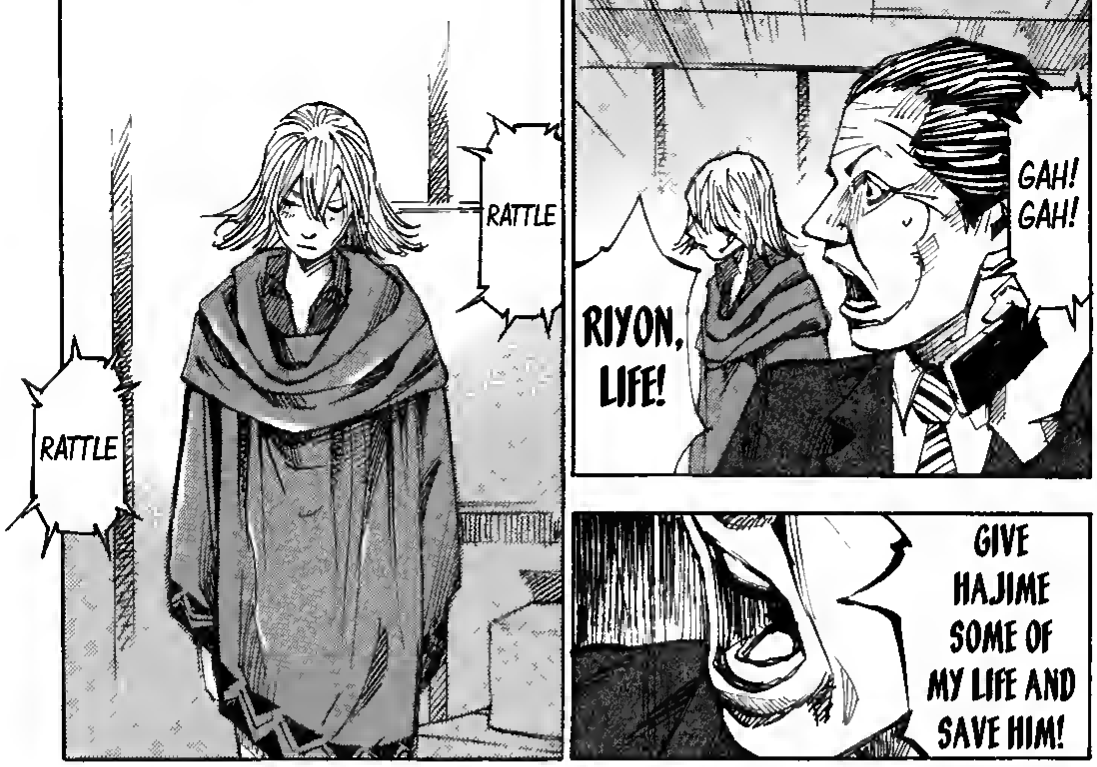
SO, DAD...
I...

OF COURSE I'M SCARED.
I JUST KEEP THINKING, "WHY ME?".

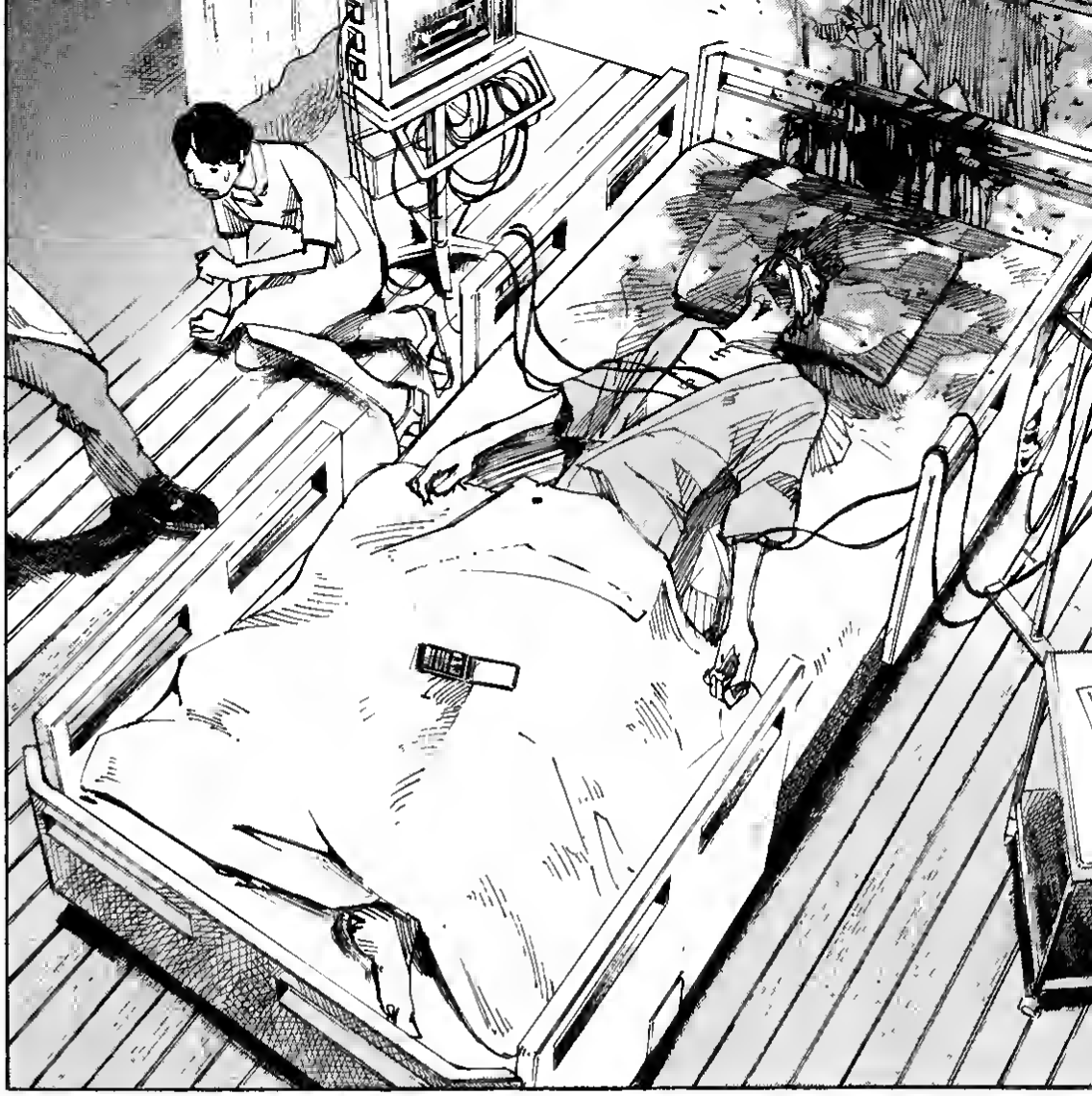
CURSE THIS WORLD.

I CURSE THIS WORLD.
HA-JIME-SAN!
RESTRAIN HIM! HE'S GOING WILD!
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK

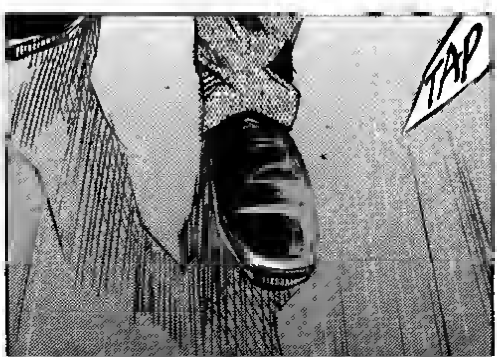
CLINK CLANK
BE CAREFUL, THE PINS ARE BREAKING!
UGH!
WHAT!?
AAAAH!


RATTLE
RATTLE
GAH! GAH!
RIYON, LIFE!
GIVE HAJIME SOME OF MY LIFE AND SAVE HIM!

I CAN'T, OLD MAN. HE'S ALREADY...
WHAT'S WRONG, RIYON!?
DO IT!



HAJI-
ME?
HAJI-
ME!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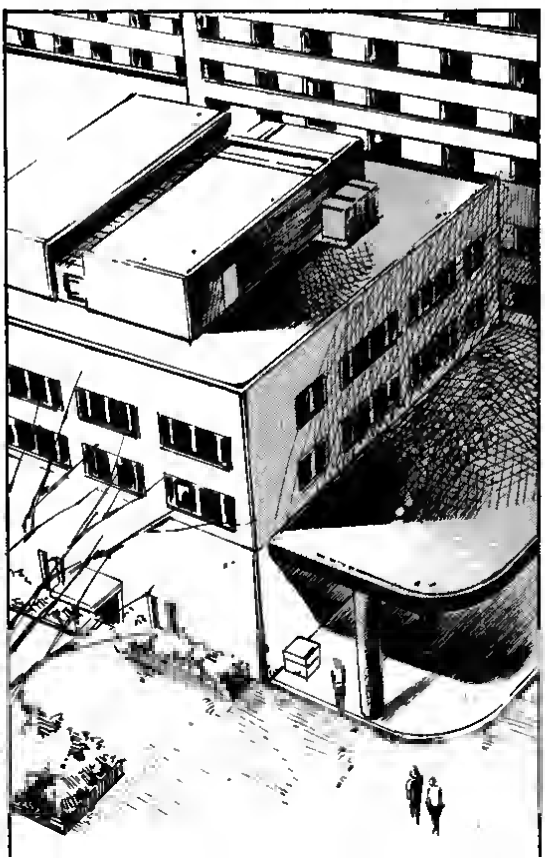
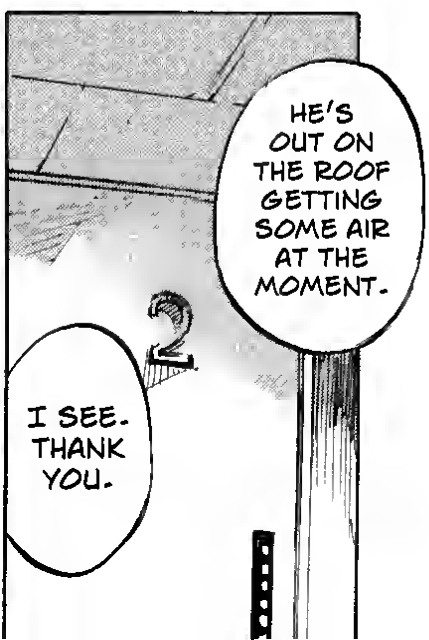


HUH?

MIGHT YOU BE IZUMI-SAN'S SON?
YES.

Daiki-san, don't be taken in by Kubo.

WHOOSH


HE'S OUT ON THE ROOF GETTING SOME AIR AT THE MOMENT.
I SEE. THANK YOU.

This is a file on Kubo.
Please read through it.
Every-thing he's saying is deceit.
At this rate, your connection with your father will be de-stroyed.
Please, snap out of it.
BLIP
KUBO SAID HE HAS A SICK LITTLE SISTER.
BUT THAT SISTER IS DEAD, TOO.
WHY DID HE LIE TO ME...?

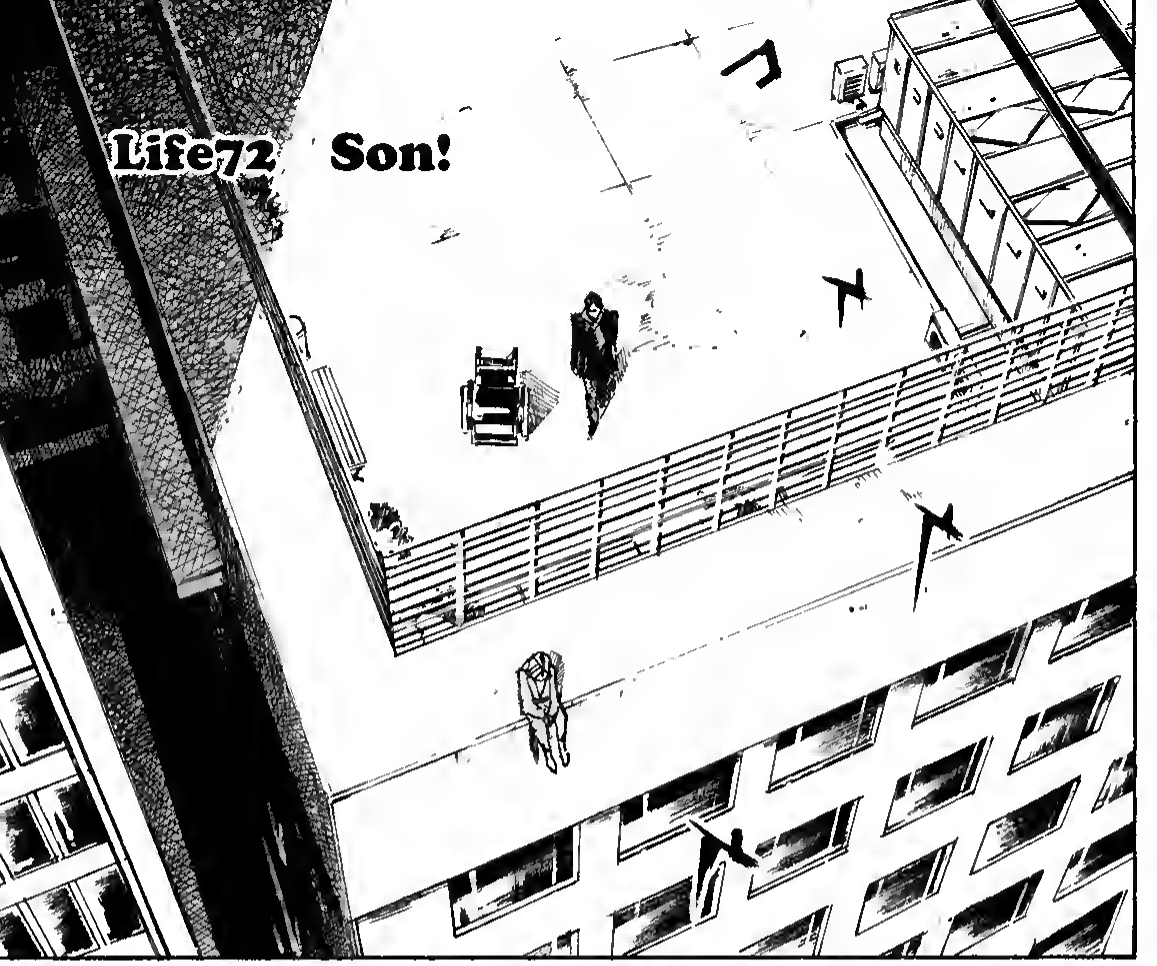
TSU-
KADA-
SAN!

THAT VOICE ---
IS THAT YOU, DAIKI...?
I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE.
I WAS JUST THINKING I HAD SOMETHING I WANT TO SAY TO YOU.

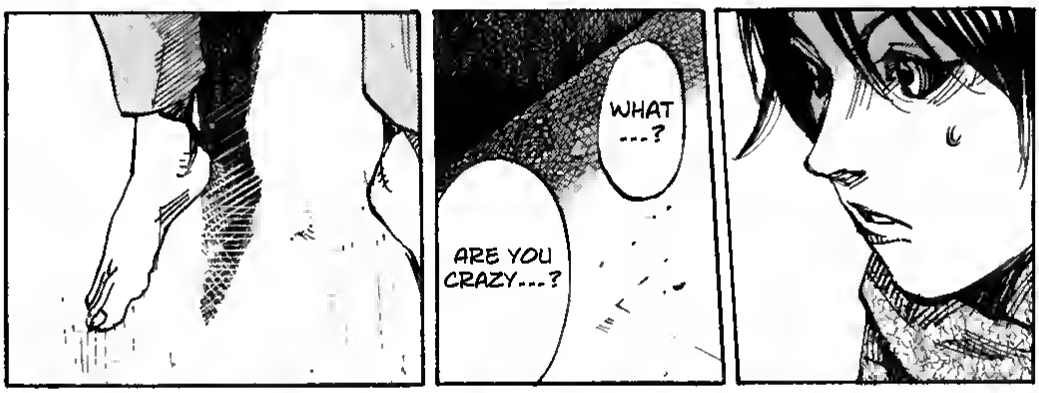
I WANTED TO SAY FAREWELL.

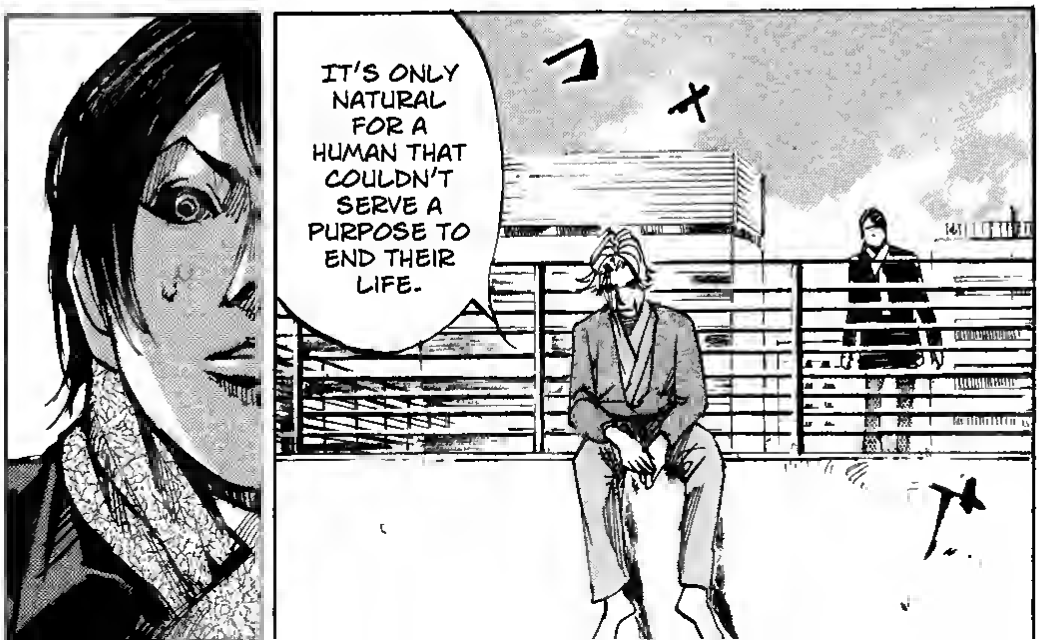
FATHER.

Life72 Son!



I'M TIMING WHEN TO PULL THE CURTAIN ON MY LIFE.
WHAT? CAN'T YOU TELL?


WHAT ---?
ARE YOU CRAZY---?


IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR A HUMAN THAT COULDN'T SERVE A PURPOSE TO END THEIR LIFE.

I FOCUSED SOLELY ON WORK AND NEVER LOOKED BACK.
I COULD BARELY MAKE TIME WITH MY CHILDREN AND I PUT PRESSURE ON THE PEOPLE OF THE IZUMI FAMILY.
I WAS AN AWFUL FATHER.
IT REALLY IS INEXCUSABLE.

FORGIVE ME.
GUH

FATHER!
I'M SURE YOUR LIFE WILL BE EASIER WITHOUT ME.
THIS IS FAREWELL.

BUT THERE WERE PLENTY OF THINGS I GAINED, TOO.
IN FACT, THERE WAS MUCH MORE GAINED THAN LOST.
THERE WERE PLENTY OF DIFFICULT THINGS ABOUT LIVING AS THE SON OF IZUMI JYUN.

I'M PROUD TO BE YOUR SON.
I NEVER ONCE RESENTED MY CIRCUM-STANCES.

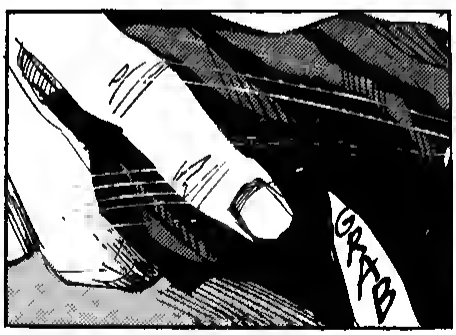
YOU FORGIVE THIS NO-GOOD OLD MAN...?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT ABOUT ME?
REALLY, DAIKI?

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO KEEP LIVING...?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
DO YOU KNOW HOW UPSET I'D BE IF YOU WERE GONE?
MY GOAL IS TO SURPASS YOU.

SO FOR IF THAT DAY COMES, YOU NEED TO ADMIT DEFEAT AND PRAISE ME.
SO YOU HAVE TO LIVE.
OKAY? PLEASE DON'T MOVE FROM THAT SPOT.
I'M COMING TO GET YOU RIGHT NOW.
JUST CROUCH THERE,
RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.
KTP

DON'T MOVE FROM THAT SPOT.
YES, RIGHT.

WHA?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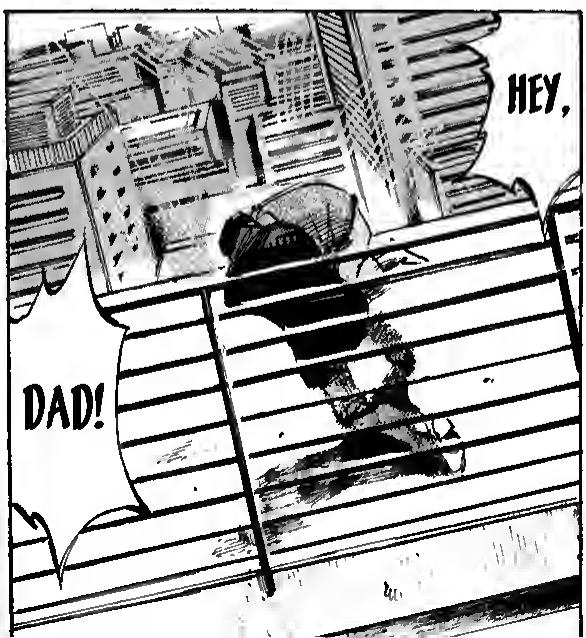
HEY,
DAD!

FATHER, WAKE UP!
NO.
THIS ISN'T MY FATHER.
IT'S SOME-ONE ELSE.
UOH!

FATHER!
WE'VE BEEN INFECTED BY EVIL SPIRITS.

SO LET'S GO BACK!
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR SENSES AND WORK FOR THIS COUNTRY!
I STILL NEED YOUR ADVICE, FATHER!
I STILL HAVE THINGS I WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU!
PLEASE, WATCH ME UNTIL I CAN STAND ON MY OWN!
FATHER!!

IS IT BECAUSE OF KUBO THAT I'M TRYING TO TAKE YOU WITH ME?

YOU CAN'T LOSE TO HIM, FATHER! COME BACK!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S ALL A PART OF HIS PLOT!

SHIT.
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING.
HAH
IT'S LIKE THE INSIDE OF MY MIND IS BEING PAINTED BLACK.
FATHER!
I'M SORRY, DAIKI.
I COULDN'T DO A SINGLE THING FOR YOU.
HAH
HAH

GO JOIN KASUGA.
LEARN FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AND BECOME A GREAT POLITICIAN,

SON!

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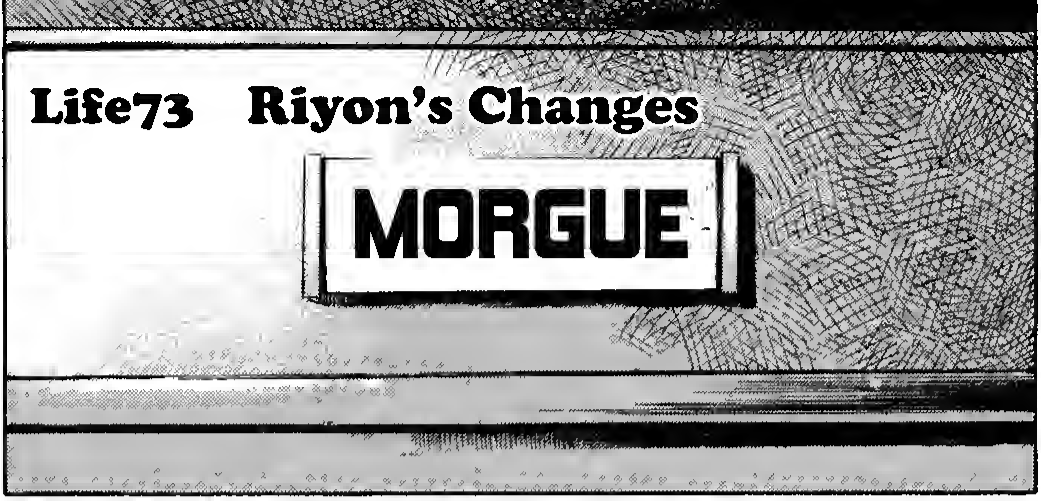

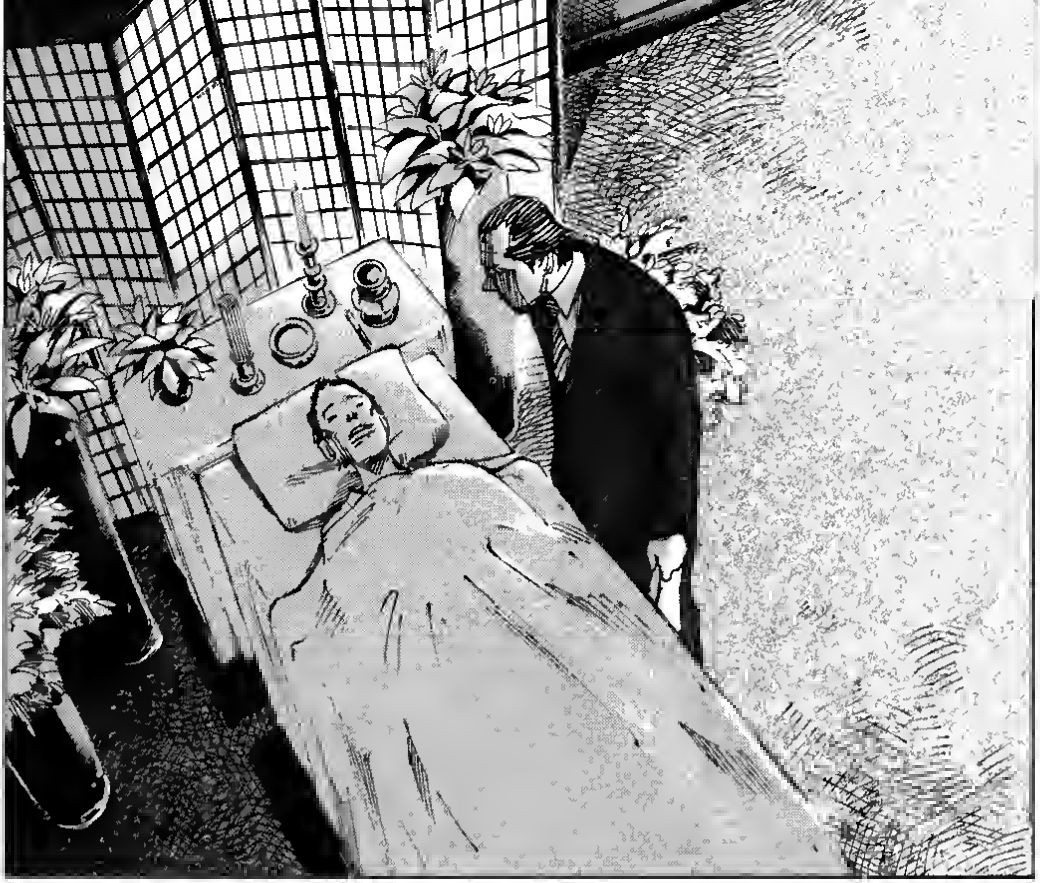

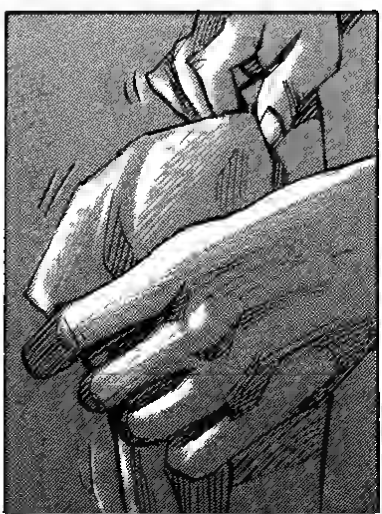

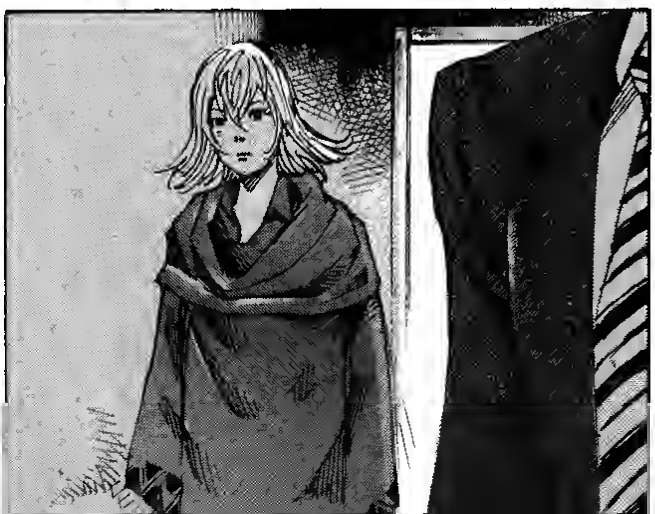

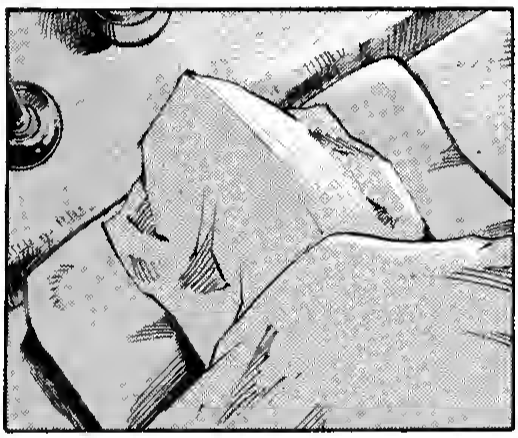

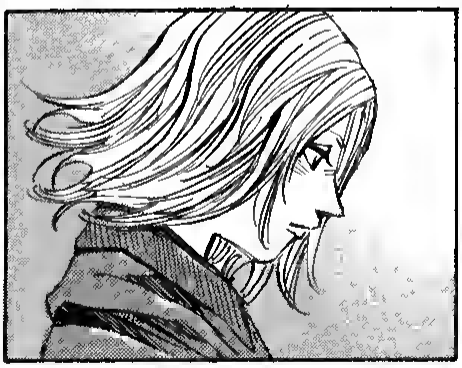

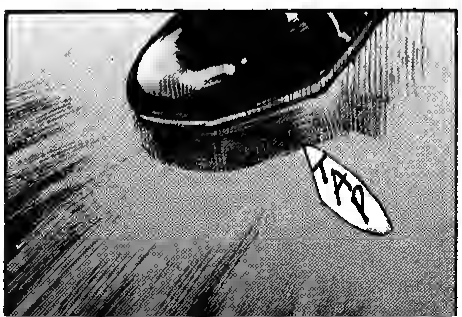
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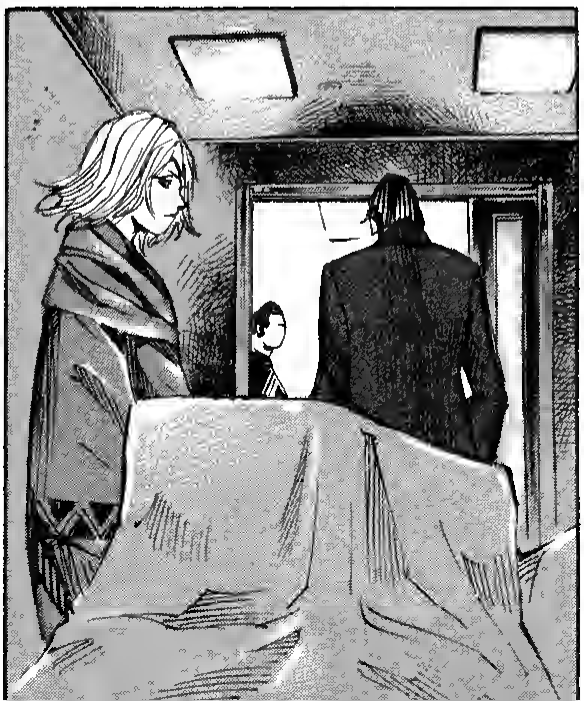
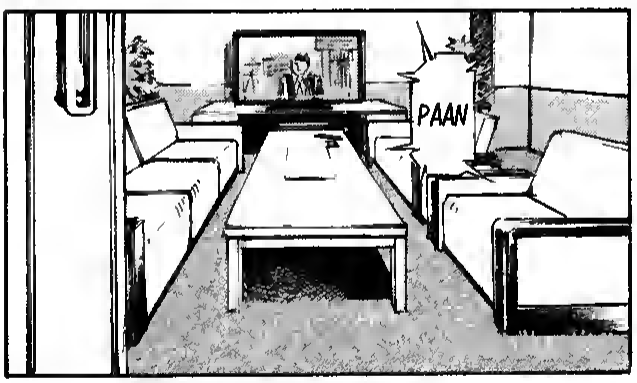


LET'S GET TO WORK.
OKAY,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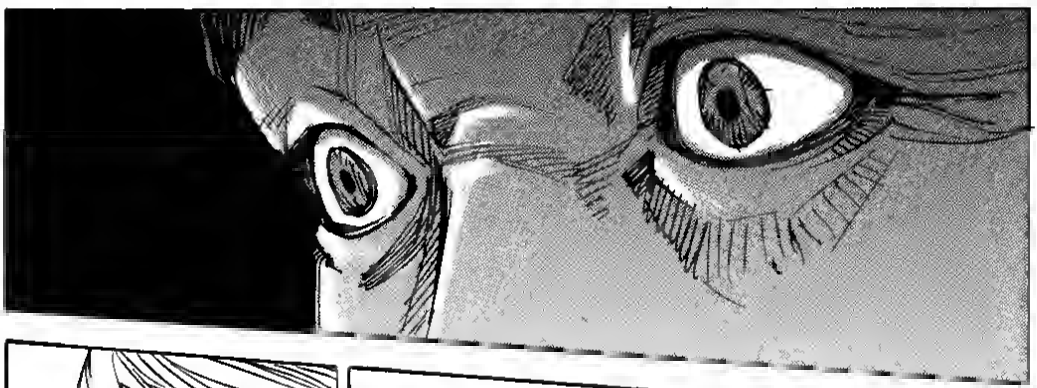
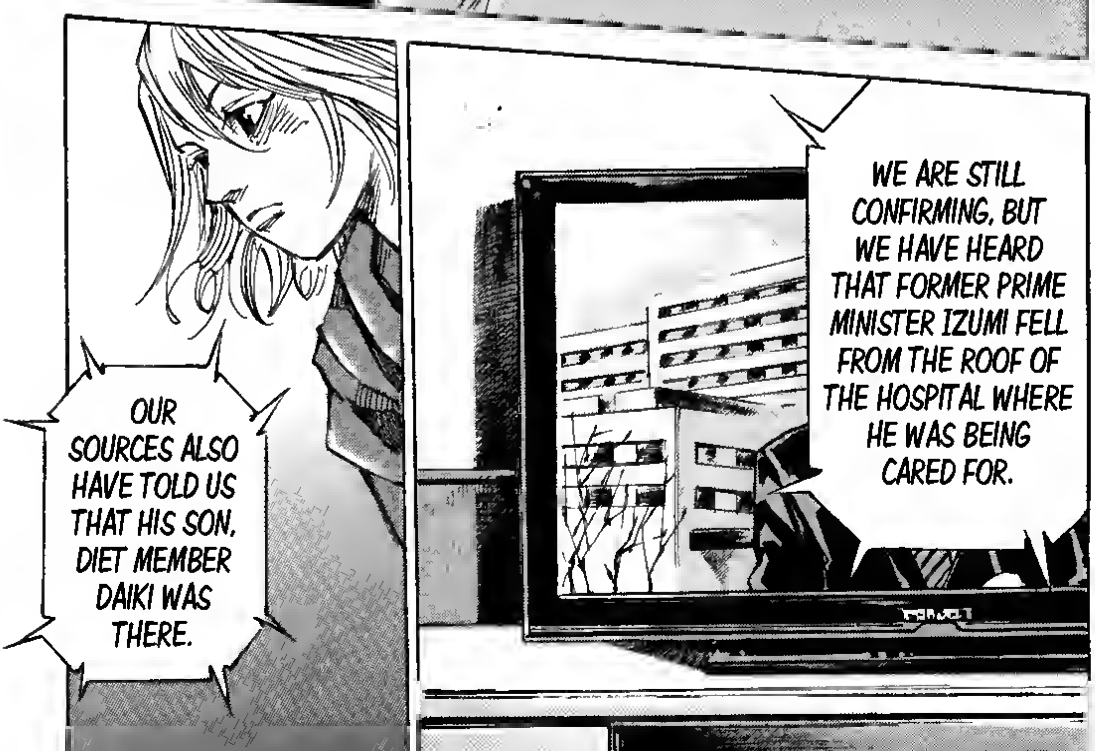
ON THE NEWS...
PRIME MINIS-TER.

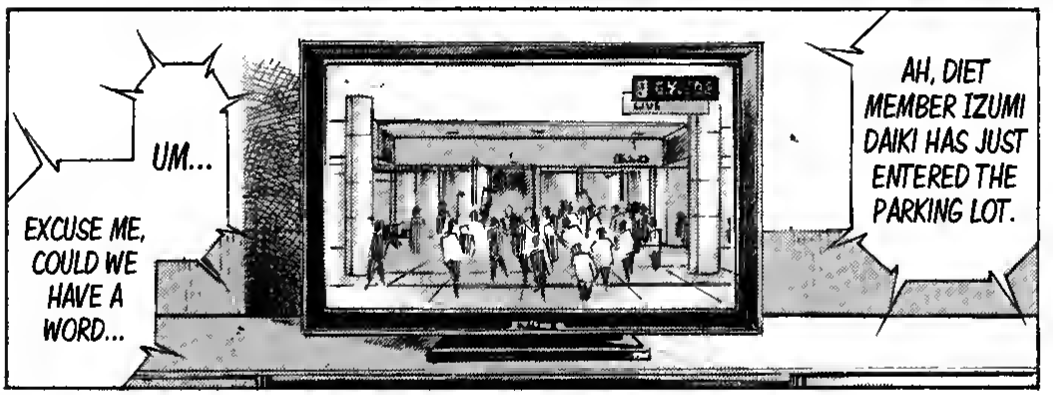
BREAKING
FORMER PRIME MINISTER IZUMI JYUN DIES
LIVE IN TOKYO

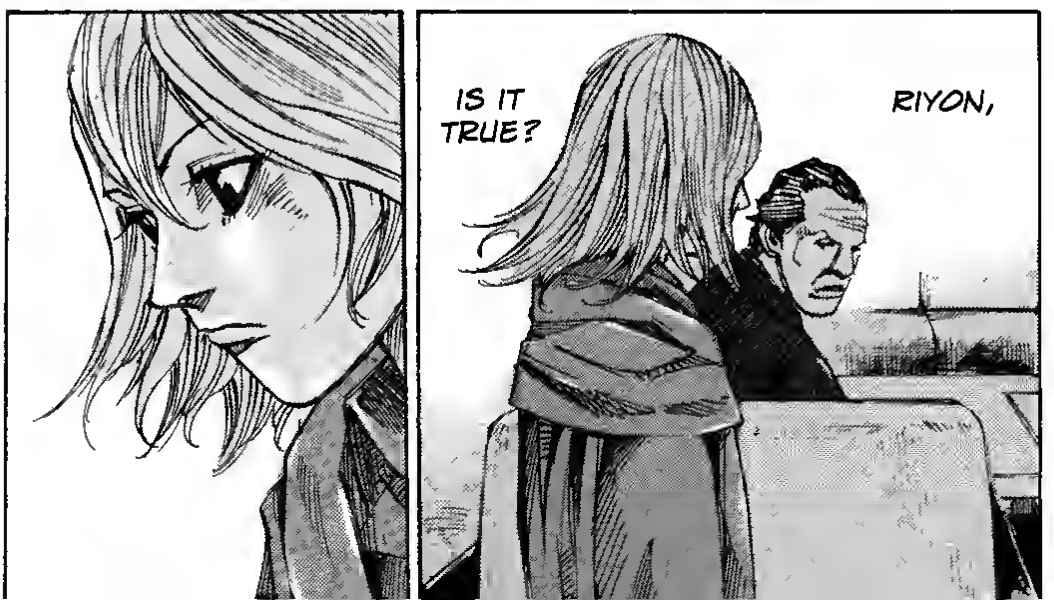



OUR SOURCES ALSO HAVE TOLD US THAT HIS SON, DIET MEMBER DAIKI WAS THERE.
WE ARE STILL CONFIRMING, BUT WE HAVE HEARD THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER IZUMI FELL FROM THE ROOF OF THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS BEING CARED FOR.

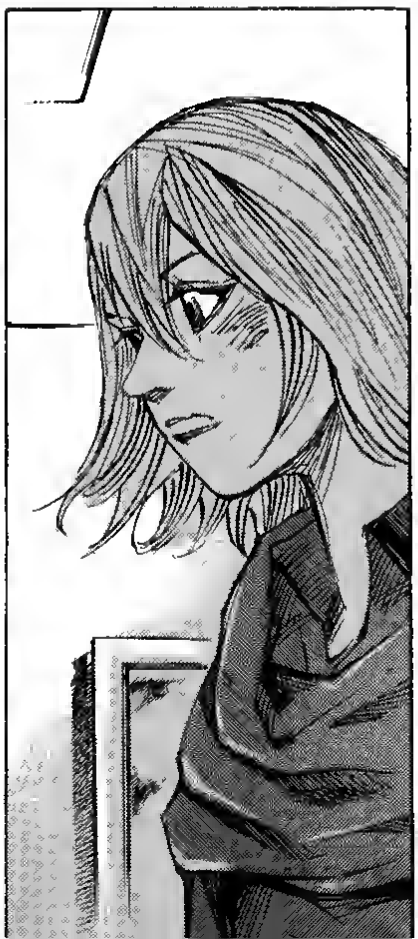
WE WILL CONTINUE INVES-TIGATING THIS STORY.
WE WILL BRING YOU INFOR-MATION AS WE RECEIVE IT.
JYUN-SAN...
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ...
DAMN YOU, KUBO...

_KUBO COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN PUT UP TO THIS BY DAIKI, COULD HE?
WAAA
ZAZAH
EVEN DAIKI...


UM...
EXCUSE ME, COULD WE HAVE A WORD...
AH, DIET MEMBER IZUMI DAIKI HAS JUST ENTERED THE PARKING LOT.


IS IT TRUE?
RIYON,

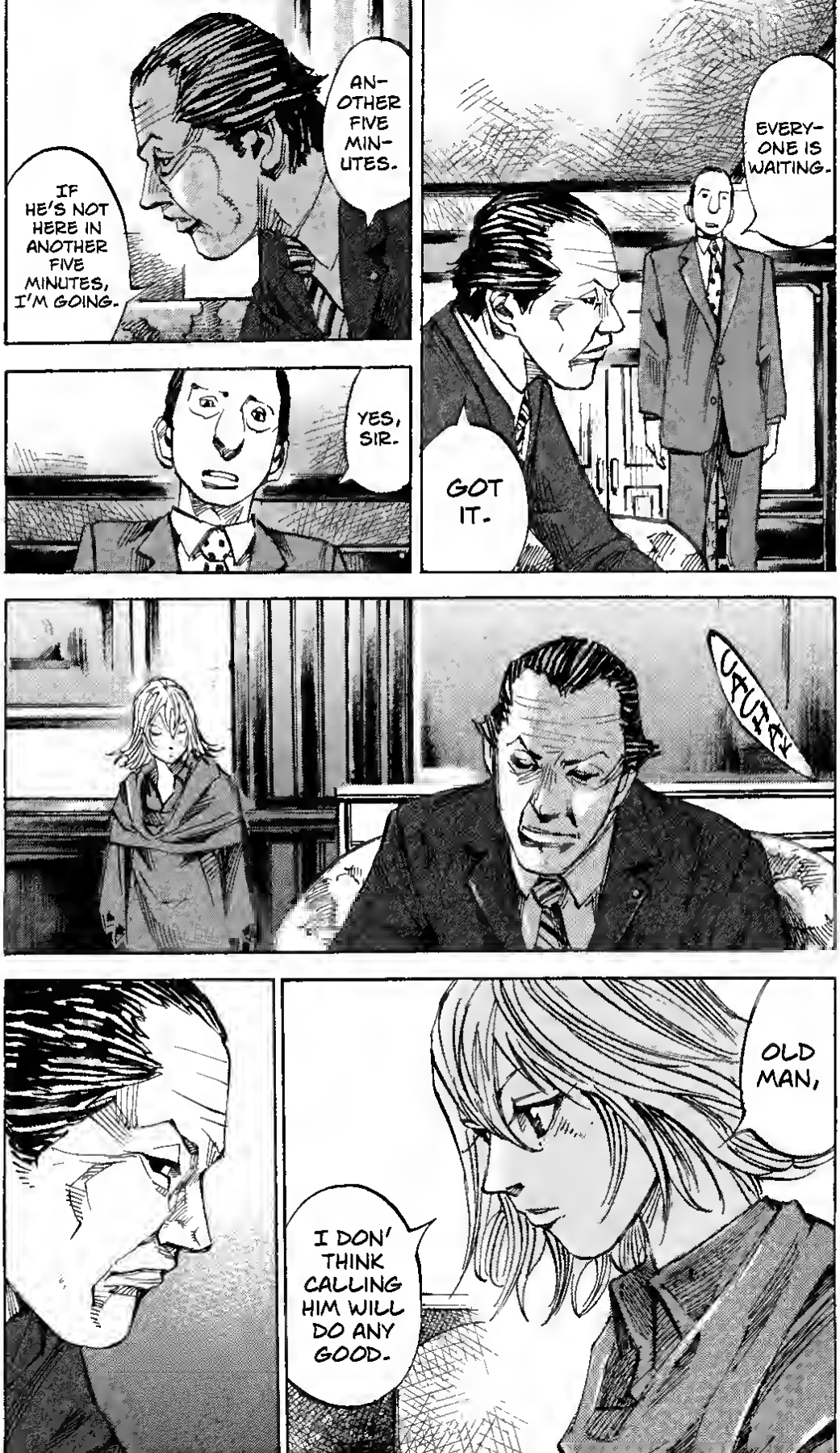
DAIKI-SAN, WHAT HAPPENED?
COULD WE HAVE A STATE-MENT?
HOW DID YOUR FATHER FALL?



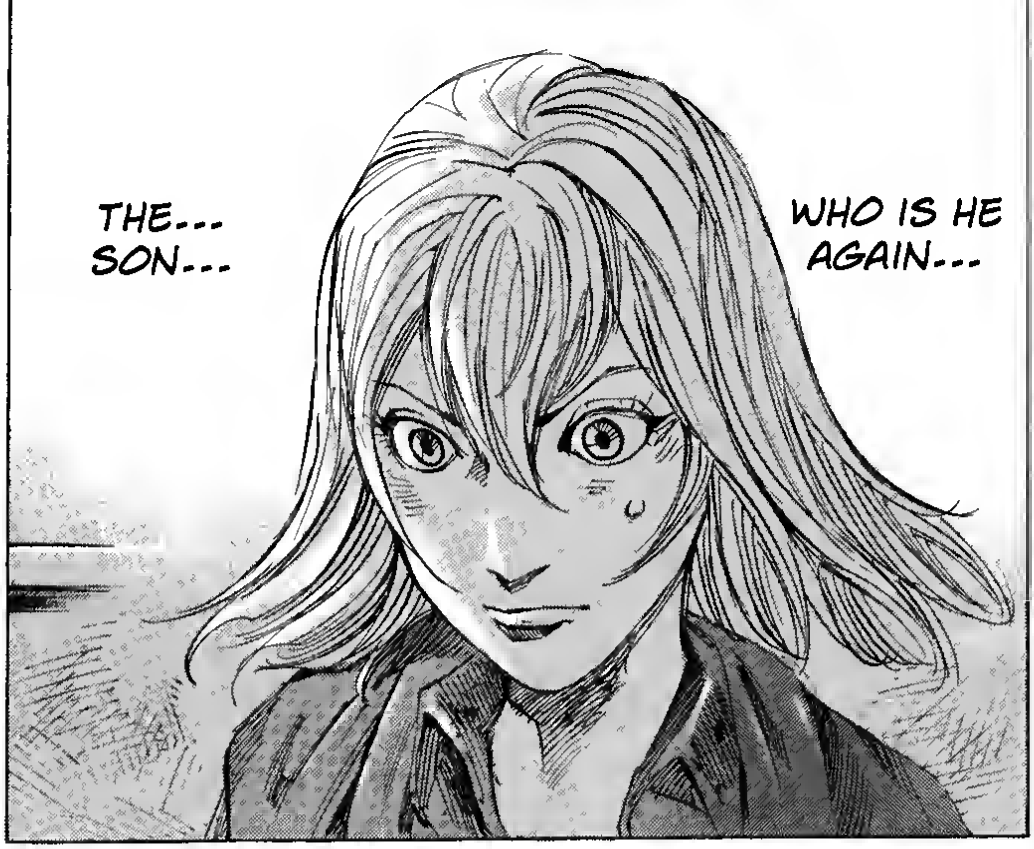
CALL DAIKI.

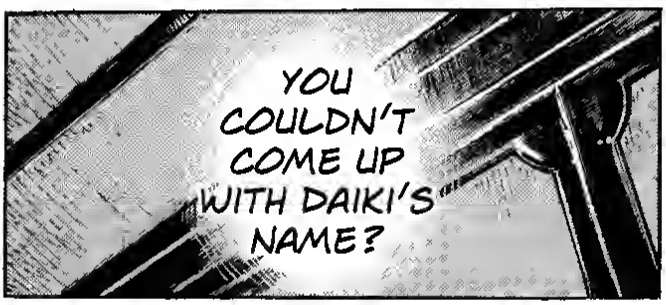
OKAY!
BRING IZUMI DAIKI HERE!
RIGHT NOW!

KNOCK KNOCK
CLANK
IS HE HERE?
N... NO.

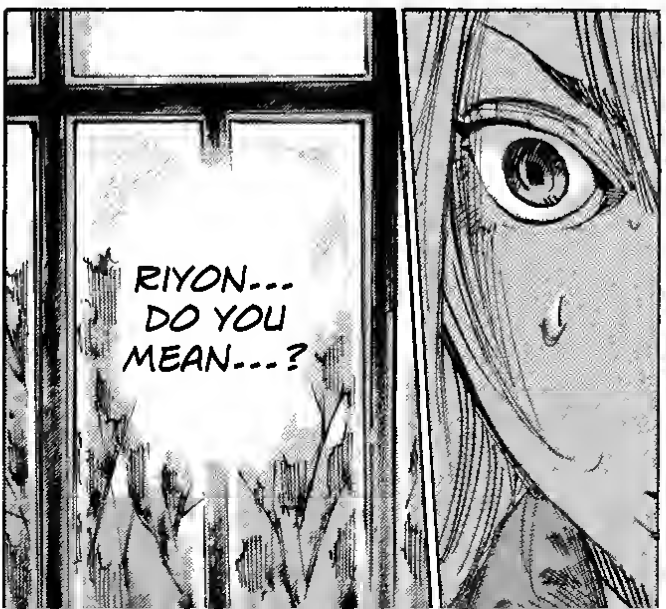

AN-
OTHER
FIVE
MIN-
UTES.
IF
HE'S NOT
HERE IN
ANOTHER
FIVE
MINUTES,
I'M GOING.
EVERY-
ONE IS
WAITING.
YES,
SIR.
GOT
IT.
CAUGHT
OLD
MAN,
I DON'
THINK
CALLING
HIM WILL
DO ANY
GOOD.

OF THAT GUY...
THERE WAS NO MALICE COMING OUT
UM,
HUH...?
WHAT?
I TOTALLY FERGOT.

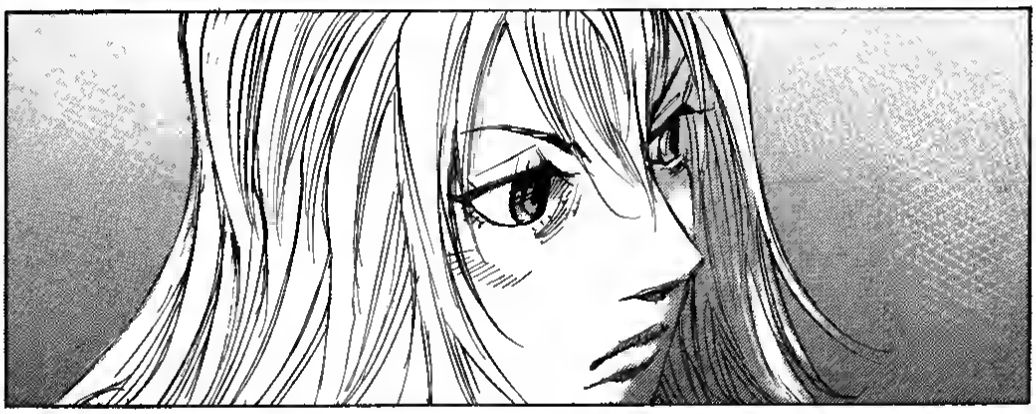

THE...
SON...
WHO IS HE
AGAIN...


YOU
COULDN'T
COME UP
WITH DAIKI'S
NAME?

...
RIYON.
DID
YOU...
JUST
NOW.

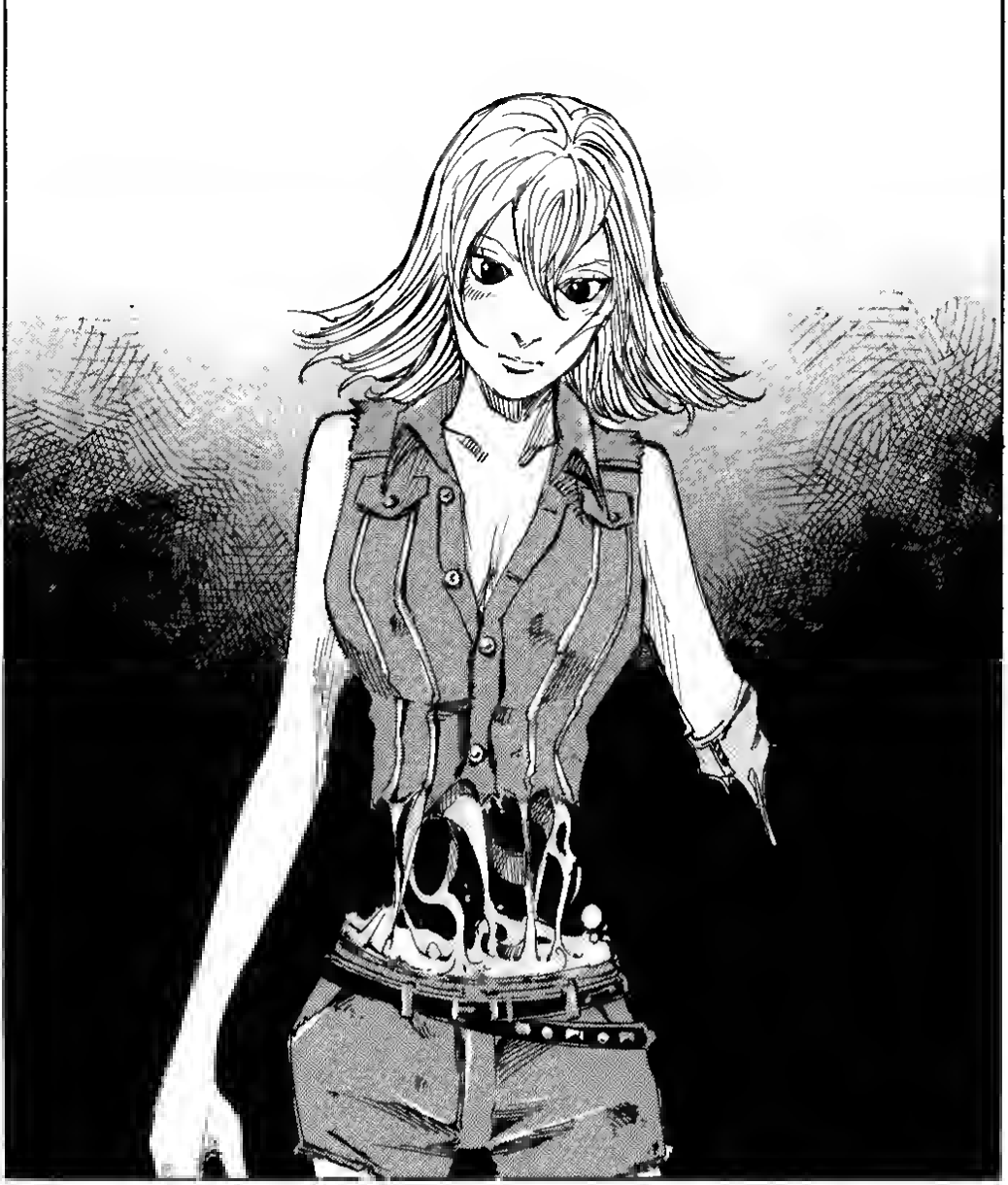

RIYON...
DO YOU
MEAN...?

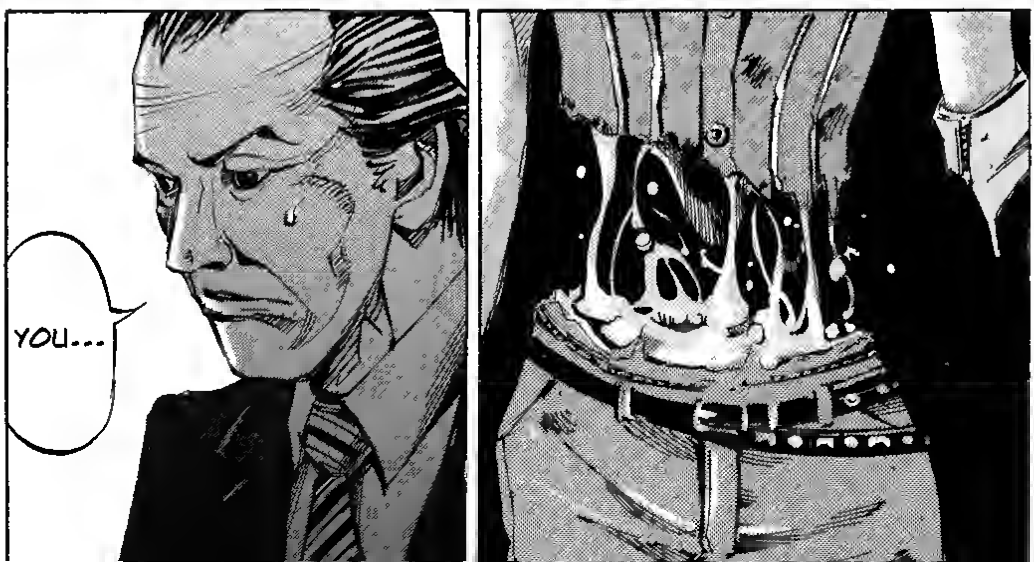
YOU'VE BEEN INVADED BY BLACK BALLS?



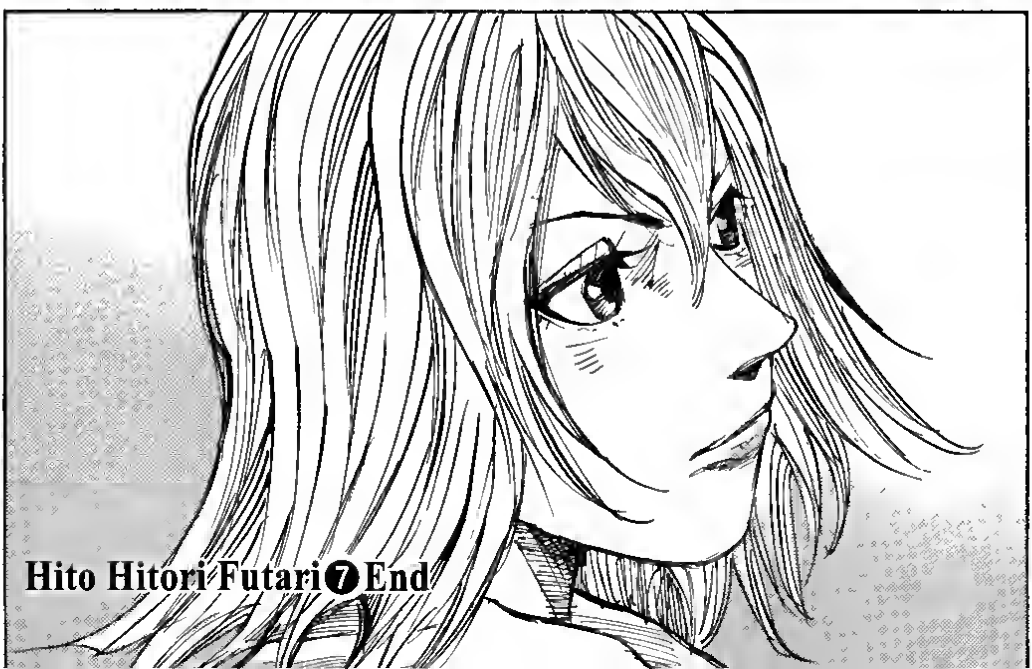
TAKE IT OFF FOR A MINUTE.
I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT THEM, THOSE CLOTHES THAT LOOK LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO COVER YOURSELF...

NO.
I CAN'T TAKE THIS OFF.
THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY SECRETS BETWEEN US.
LET ME SEE.
AH WELL.
YER GONNA FIND OUT EVENTUALLY ANYHOW.




YOU...

I'VE GOT A SPIRITUAL BODY
SO I'M OKAY EVEN WITHOUT A PHYSICAL ONE.
AM I EVEN...
GOING TO LOSE YOU...?
I'VE LOST HAJIME, JYUN-SAN, SOUCHA-CHI-SAN
AND MANY OTHERS.
TAP



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